

NETAJI

A Pictorial Biography



A son of Sarat Chandra and Bivabati Bose, Sisir Kumar had his early education at South Suburban School and St. Xavier's College and his medical education at Calcutta Medical College. As a junior medical student, he had the greatest experience of his life when

Netaji called upon him to assist him in the Great Escape of 1941. Since his school days and particularly during his college career he has been deeply involved in the national movement. He was grievously injured in a police attack during the Quit India struggle. He served as Netaji's secret contact-man during the war and was one of the few Bengal revolutionaries to be imprisoned in the Red Fort and the Lahore Fort.

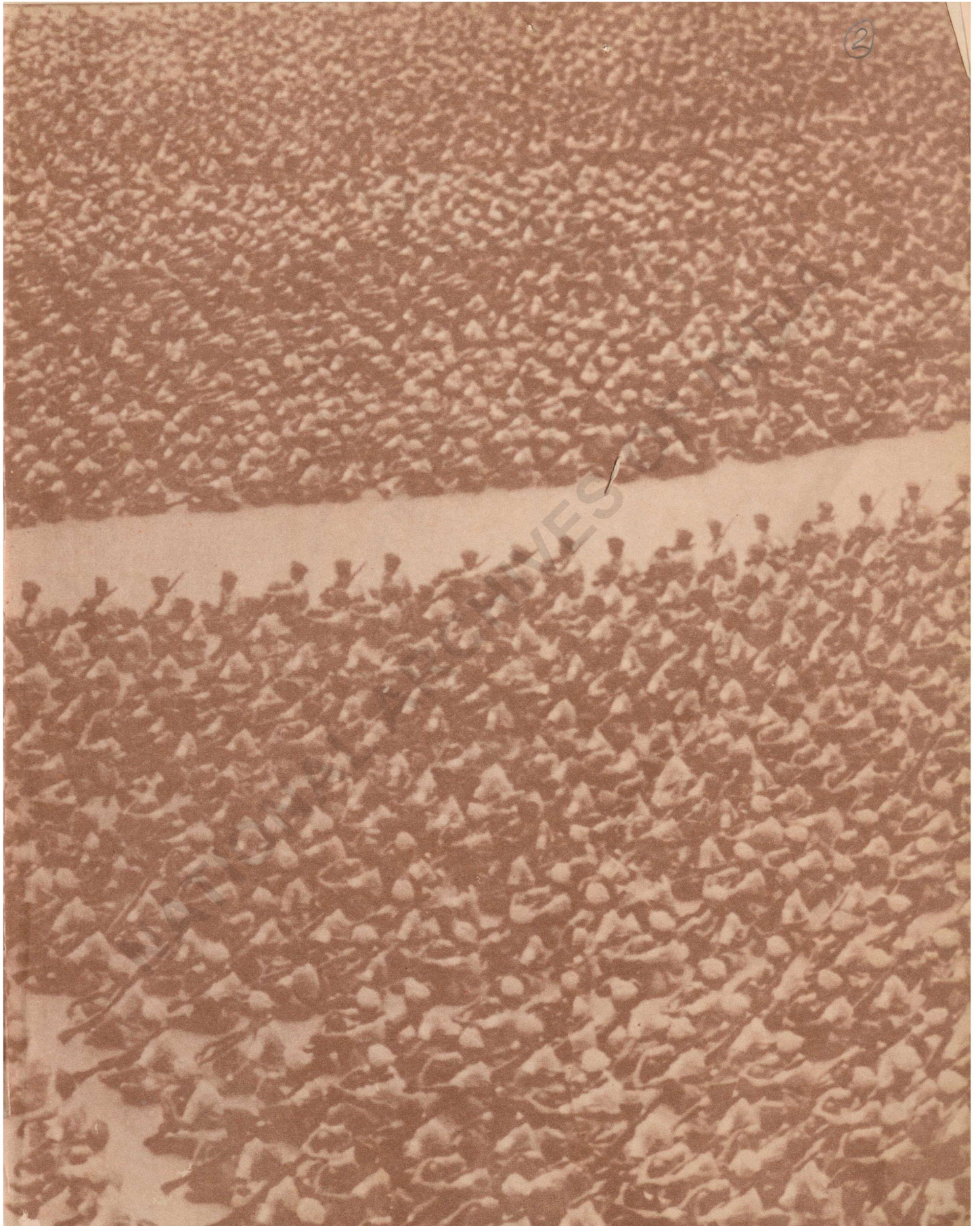
After graduation Bose received advanced training in pediatrics in leading centres in Europe and United States. He has now risen to the top rung of the profession and since 1972 has been Director of the Institute of Child Health, Calcutta. Outside his profession he has been continuously and actively engaged in public work over the last three decades. He is the architect and Founder-Director of Netaji Research Bureau which has attained international recognition as an institute of history, political science and International affairs, specialising in Subhas and Sarat Chandra Bose. He has already edited more than twenty-five titles of Netaji's works and organised three international history seminars. He is married to Krishna Bose, well-known writer and critic. They have two sons and a daughter.



For Birendra Nath Sinha, the former chief photographer of Ananda Bazar Patrika and Hindustan Standard, his career in photo-journalism began at the age of 24 during the historic Bihar earthquake of 1934 when as an amateur photographer, he did a highly successful coverage. As a result

Ananda Bazar Patrika made him staff photographer and with it began the photography department of the paper.

In his long career Mr Sinha has undertaken many hazardous assignments like accompanying mountaineering expeditions to Nandaghaumti peak (21,000 ft.) in 1960 and Mana peak (23,000 ft.) in 1961. He has been an eyewitness to a crucial period of our history, through the independence struggle on to the birth and growth of free India. In the process he has got to know at very close quarters such national figures as Rabindranath, Gandhiji, Netaji and Jawaharlal. With a lifetime's observation of India through the lens clearly, he has also imbibed a deep insider's knowledge of Indian affairs.



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Foreword

In the history of India's struggle for freedom, one man stands out in all distinctiveness and as a class by himself. In physique and mental constitution, in manner and life style, in ideology and in action packed with drama and daring unmatched in contemporary annals, Subhas Chandra Bose is in his total personality a unique phenomenon of twentieth century India. A study of his life and work through pictures is thus of unusual interest, bringing out in clear outline the shape and form of a life of ceaseless activity and totally dedicated to the cause of India's liberation.

The story of Subhas Chandra Bose needs to be told and understood in the context of the long march of the Indian people to independence from 1857 to 1947. His birth in 1897 marked the mid-point of that crusade. With the Renaissance behind him, he grew up in harmony with the evolution of India's national movement, responding and reacting to it positively since his early childhood. Even as a schoolboy in a foreign missionary school, he found the milieu foreign to his nature and was thus already a rebel at heart. In the course of his school and college career, he was in turn a pure humanitarian, a **Paribrajaka** and social reformer in the manner and spirit of Vivekananda, and finally a political activist. When Bose graduated in 1919 and set out for England to qualify for the Indian Civil Service, he already had a formed personality and his sense of mission was not in doubt. That overpowering sense of mission — India's salvation from political, economic, social and spiritual slavery — rendered all other pursuits of life and career purely incidental. That mission admitted of no retreat. Therefore, when in the early twenties Subhas Chandra Bose called his countrymen to his side, there was promise of nothing more than privation, sacrifice, forced marches and death.

Bose's acceptance of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das as his political **Guru** was a surrender to a man who was similarly and totally dedicated to the cause of India's deliverance. But the apprenticeship was short as the mentor passed away before his time.

The exile in Burma from 1924 to 1927 was the first major turning point in Subhas's public career in that it saw the transformation of a lieutenant to a leader. In the late twenties, Subhas Chandra Bose and Jawaharlal Nehru, despite fundamental differences in mental constitution and ideological foundations, emerged as the two ambassadors of youth and the spokesmen of the rising Left in national politics. Bose's appearance at the Calcutta Congress in 1928 in resplendent military uniform was not so much a spectacle as a vision of the future. His sponsoring the Independence Resolution at that historic meeting in opposition to Mahatma Gandhi was the first demonstration of his being ahead of his times and of his contemporaries. He went a step further at Lahore in 1929 by his call for a parallel government and mobilisation of peasants and workers.

The second major turning point in his public career and development came during his enforced exile in Europe from 1933 to 1936. It was the transformation of a leader into a statesman who parleyed with world leaders on equal terms and who judged his country's prospects and interests in terms of the interplay of world forces in peace or at war. What is more, Subhas Chandra Bose, by his work in Europe in the thirties and his battles across the world during World War II, marked out the guidelines and principles on which foreign relations of Free India should be based. By the time Bose returned to active public life in 1937 after the sojourn in Europe and a spell in prison, he had admittedly attained full political maturity and was ready with his political ideology, programme and plan of action. He marched ahead of the national leadership by his call for National Planning and Socialist Reconstruction

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of India at Haripura in 1938, for an Ultimatum to British Imperialism to quit India at Tripuri in 1939, and for Left Consolidation at Ramgarh in 1940. He sounded the final battlecry of All Power to the People at Nagpur the same year. History thus records that since 1928 Subhas Chandra Bose represented the only distinctive, independent and alternative current in India's national politics competing with the major current led by Mahatma Gandhi. The final cleavage that came in 1939 was the culmination of an inevitable historical process.

The Great Escape from India in 1941 was the natural, logical and ultimate step in the development of Netaji's programme of action to the final armed assault on British Imperialism. He planned the attack first from the North-West in keeping with traditional historical precedent. But when the inexorable course of events made this impossible, he re-planned the assault from the non-traditional direction, the North-East. To lead this assault, he was called upon to undertake a journey under the sea which, in its originality, planning, execution and daring is unequalled in the world's military annals. The Indian National Army rose under his leadership to knock out the basis of British hegemony over the Indian subcontinent by supplanting the loyalty of the British Indian Army to its enslavers by the new loyalty to their country's freedom. Netaji and the INA achieved much more — they paved the way to the liberation of South-East Asia by destroying the most vital instrument of colonial subjugation of the region, the British Indian Army. The Provisional Government of Azad Hind gave to the Indian people the first experience of independent statehood after two centuries of servile existence.

When the Second World War ended in 1945, the Indian Independence Movement was at its lowest ebb. Defeatism and frustration gripped the nationalist ranks as never before. At that crucial moment of history the shadow of a man descended on the Indian stage like a colossus. Rarely, if ever, has one man — in absentia — commanded history thus and transformed an entire historical situation. Who dares question today that if, by some chance, he had returned to India then, he would have carried everything before him and that the history of this subcontinent would have taken a completely different direction? NETAJI was no mere appellation — it was an assignment of history.

In the current state of uncertainty in national affairs, India needs to rediscover Subhas Chandra Bose. We need to remind ourselves of the messianic faith of this dedicated national revolutionary in India's historic obligation to evolve a new social order based on the synthesis of all known revolutionary experiments across the world. The **Samyavada** that Netaji was seeking meant for him a new alternative. Even as a human being and thinker, he was seeking a new ethical conception in human affairs. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was at once deeply involved in the spiritual heritage of India and actively concerned with the most modern social and technological advances anywhere in the world. His sense of mission did not admit of compromises and reservations. He sought to inspire his compatriots with the same dedication to the cause. In this he succeeded in a large measure and thus remains an example in leadership. Let India rediscover Subhas Chandra Bose and, in his own words, "deliver to the world the message that has been her heritage through the past ages."

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Numerous friends and institutions in India and abroad have during the past two decades assisted Netaji Research Bureau in many ways to build up its photographic and documentary archives on Netaji and the Indian Independence Movement. Names of a great many photographers and persons actually responsible for processing and collecting such material are not known. This particularly relates to when Netaji was touring in India or abroad and to the period of World War II in Europe and Asia. We acknowledge with gratitude our debt to these many unknown friends and institutions all over the world.

The archives of Netaji Research Bureau originated with the collections of Netaji's photographs and papers preserved with fondness and care by Sarat Chandra and Bivabati Bose over nearly four decades.

Ananda Bazar Patrika Ltd., have made a most significant contribution to our archives and to this volume, firstly, by providing around one hundred twenty-five photographs and documents, and secondly, by unreservedly placing at our disposal the entire facilities of their photographic department for processing and enlarging hundreds of photographs and documents for the purpose of this publication.

We have pleasure in listing below the names of known friends and institutions who have assisted us with material in the form of photographs, documents, relics, etc., or cooperated with Netaji Research Bureau in other ways to enrich its archives.

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Azad Hind Ambulance Service
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Dilip Kumar Roy
Sunil Janah
Naga Sundaram
Kundan Singh
S. Sen
Harendra Nath Sengupta
Atulendu Sen
Ajit Sen
N. G. Ganpuley
Alexander Werth
Walter Harbich
Leopold Fischer (Swami Agehananda)
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Naomi Vetter
Heddy Fuelop-Miller
Will Richter
Ananda Mohan Sahay
Bhagat Ram Talwar
Deb Nath Das
I. Untersehr
Miloslav Krasa
Narendra Narayan Chakrabarti
Asoke Nath Bose
Amiya Nath Bose
Mira Ray
Gita Biswas
Sisir Kumar Bose
Krishna Bose
Aruna Some
Durgapada Ray
Gour Saha

What greater solace can there be than the feeling that one has lived and died for a principle? What higher satisfaction can a man possess than the knowledge that his spirit will beget kindred spirits to carry on his unfinished task? What better reward can a soul desire than the certainty that his message will be wafted over the hills and dales and over the broad plains to every corner of his land and across the seas to distant lands? What higher consummation can life attain than peaceful self-immolation at the altar of one's Cause?

Hence it is evident that nobody can lose through suffering and sacrifice. If he does lose anything of the earth earthly, he will gain much more in return by becoming the heir to a life immortal.

This is the technique of the soul. The individual must die, so that the nation may live. Today I must die, so that India may live and may win freedom and glory.

To my countrymen I say, "Forget not that the greatest curse for a man is to remain a slave. Forget not that the grossest crime is to compromise with injustice and wrong. Remember the eternal law — You must give life, if you want to get it. And remember that the highest virtue is to battle against iniquity, no matter what the cost may be."

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Father Janakinath Bose



Mother Prabhavati



SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE was born at Cuttack, Orissa, on the 23rd January 1897. He had his early education at Cuttack and college education in Calcutta. He was all along a brilliant student. After graduation he proceeded to England to qualify for the Indian Civil Service in 1919. He passed the examination creditably but resigned from the Service to join the struggle for his country's freedom.

Top : Janakinath Bhawan, Cuttack where Subhas was born

Bottom : An early family photograph — Subhas standing on extreme right

Right : Janakinath's diary recording Subhas's birth



31 Days.

JANUARY, 1897.

JAN. 18 to 24.

21 Thursday [21—344]

Beng.—9 MAGH. Fulee.—3 MAGH. Samvat.—3 MAGH (BUDEE).
Mus.—16 SHABUN.

Not much to write today.

22 Friday [22—343]

Beng.—10 MAGH. Fulee.—4 MAGH. Samvat.—4 MAGH (BUDEE).
Mus.—17 SHABUN.

Not much to write.

From the afternoon Pratha felt the labor pains - Mr. Reynolds came at about 10 p.m.

23 Saturday [23—342]

Beng.—11 MAGH. Fulee.—5 MAGH. Samvat.—5 MAGH (BUDEE).
Mus.—18 SHABUN.

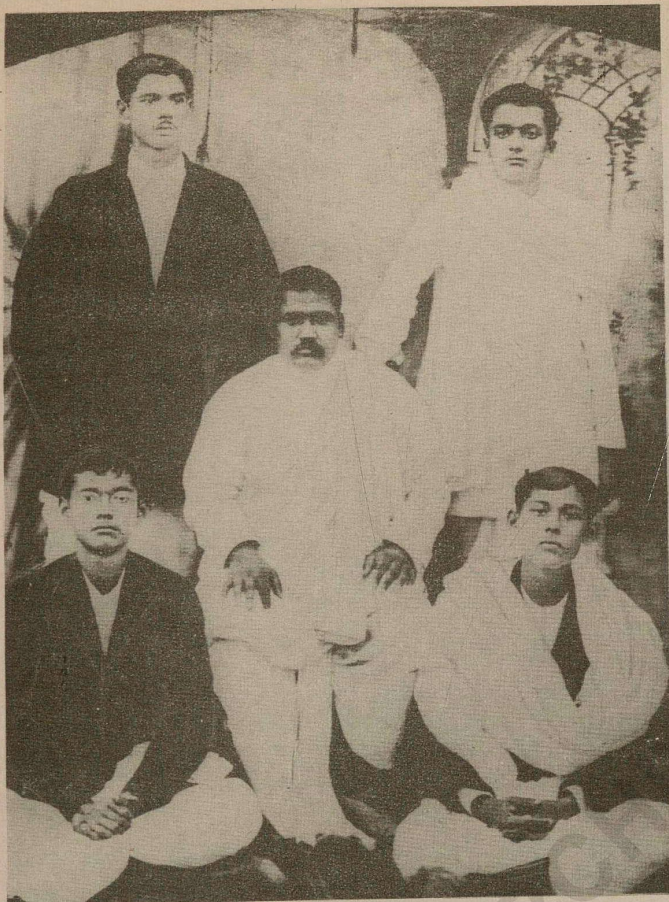
Arose early but found Pratha was still suffering - A son was born at midday. Pratha feeling ill - but thanks for the son when got through.

24 Sunday [24—341] 3rd Sunday after Epiphany.

Beng.—12 MAGH. Fulee.—6 MAGH. Samvat.—6 MAGH (BUDEE).
Mus.—19 SHABUN.

Did this in the morning - like a man in the morning. I had to go to the hospital at 6 p.m. - did not go to the hospital at 6 p.m. - did not go to the hospital at 6 p.m.

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১৫ মহাদেশে - লোকসিদ্ধির নিমিত্ত উগমন,
 যুগে ২ অস্তিত্ব-রূপে - জন্ম গ্রহণ - জটিল পাপসিদ্ধি-
 ঠিকীতে পরিণত - জটিল-রূপে - এক প্রকৃতি-ভারত-
 সমীচীন হৃদয়ে - ঠিকী ও মস্তিষ্ক - বীজ-মোক্ষ-
 জটিল - সিদ্ধি-রূপে । উগমন, মানব-দেহ-মস্তিষ্ক-
 জটিল - নিজে - অসামান্য-রূপে - অসামান্য-
 পক্ষ-গ্রহণ - জটিল-রূপে - কিন্তু এত-সময় - তিনি-সেই-
 দেশে - জন্ম-গ্রহণ - করেন - নাই - — তাই-সমি
 আত্ম-দেহ - পক্ষ-গ্রহণ - ভারত-মাতা - উগমন-
 শুষ্ক-আদর্শ - দেশ । দেহ, মা, ভারত-মা-
 তাও-মতই-আছে - প্রকৃতি-বীজ, দারিদ্র-শীত,
 তীব্র-বৃষ্টি, আত্ম-মোক্ষ-শরৎ ও-সমস্ত
 জোন, মতই-আছে । দাক্ষিণাত্য-দেশ -
 স্বল্প-পরিমাণ, পূর্ব-ভাষা-মোক্ষ-দেহ - হৃদ-রূপ

No. 3/21

PASSPORT.

These are to request and require, in the name of the Viceroy and Governor-General of India, all those whom it may concern to allow

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose

to pass freely, without let or hindrance, and to afford every assistance and protection of which he may stand in need.

Given at Calcutta the 9th day of Sept. 1919

By order of the Viceroy and Governor-General.

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

This Passport is valid for 2 years only from the date of its issue. It may be renewed for 4 further periods of two years each after which a new Passport will be required.

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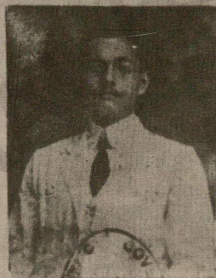
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Place & date of birth *Cuttack, Bhubaneswar Orissa India 23rd Jan. 1899*
Maiden name if widow or married woman travelling singly.
Height *5 feet 9 inches*
Forehead *broad* Eyes *dark*
Nose *straight* Mouth *good*
Chin *round* Colour of Hair *black*
Complexion *light* Facial features *oval*
Any special peculiarities *none*
National Status *British subject*

PHOTOGRAPH OF BEARER



SIGNATURE OF BEARER.

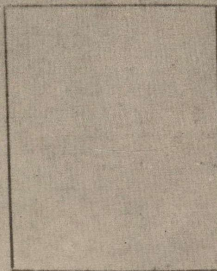
DESCRIPTION OF WIFE OF BEARER.

Age Profession
Place & date of birth
Maiden name
Height feet inches
Forehead Eyes
Nose Mouth
Chin Colour of Hair
Complexion Face
Any special peculiarities

PARTICULARS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 15 YEARS.

Name Age Sex

PHOTOGRAPH OF WIFE.



SIGNATURE OF WIFE.

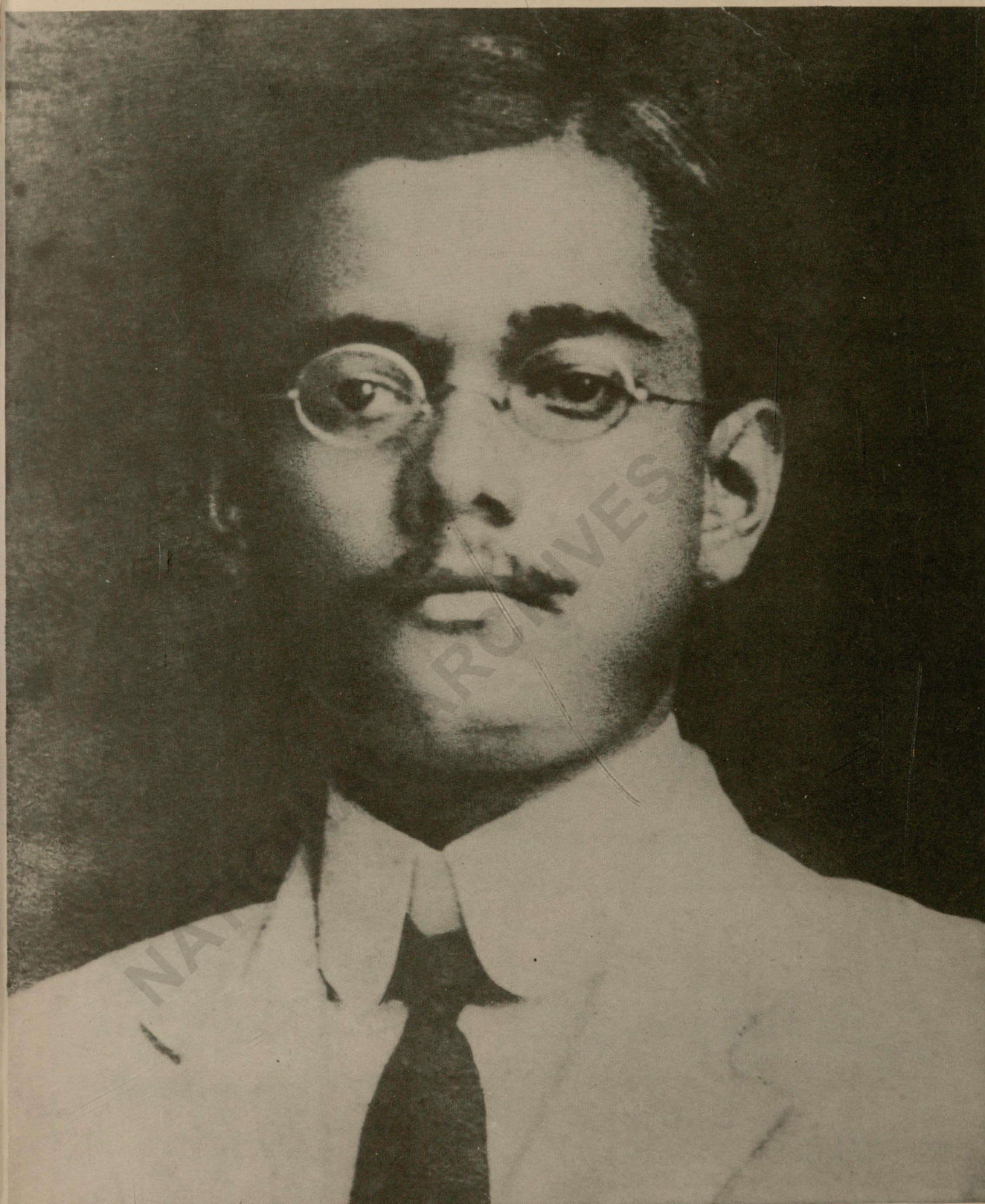
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Travelling with United Kingdom passport for urgent private reasons

Instructions for Officer filling in Passport.

Under heading national status enter whichever of following may be appropriate:—

- (i) A British Subject,
- (ii) A Subject of the State of _____ a Native State in India, and as such entitled to His Majesty's Protection.
- (iii) If naturalized in the United Kingdom under the provisions of the Naturalization Act, 1870, or if naturalized under the provisions of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914.
- A naturalized British subject, followed by the date of the certificate and the words "of (Spanish) origin."
- (iv) If naturalized in a Dominion or Colony or in British India under the provisions of Colonial or Indian laws only.
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First passport 1919

On the eve of departure for England

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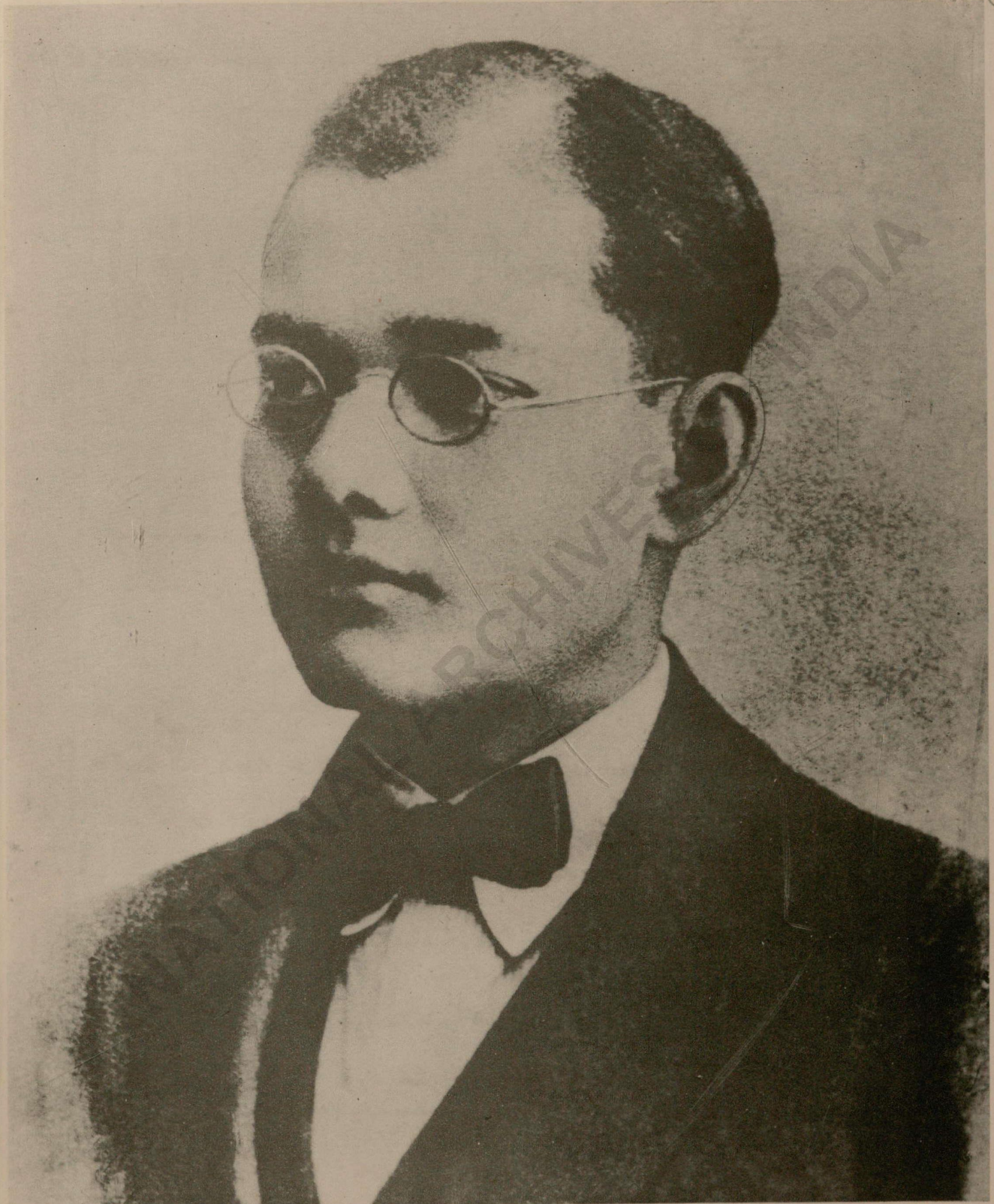
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My dear brother,

Another year has rolled by and we find ourselves responsible to God for the progress or otherwise that we have made during the last twelve months.

When I survey my last year's work, I cannot help reflecting on the goal of life. Tennison I think, is a staunch optimist and strongly believes that the world is progressing day by day. Is it really so? Are we really nearing our longed-for goal? Is our dear country, India, on the high-road to progress? I can't think so. May be, good may come out of evil — may be India is wading through sin and corruption towards peace and progress. But as far as the eye of providence, the prophecy or foresightedness can behold, all is darkness —

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Letter to brother Sarat in England

In Cambridge 1919

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16. Market Street,

Cambridge.

12.4.21.

The Right Hon. E. S. Montague M.P.,
Secretary of State for India.

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Sir,

I desire to have my name removed from the list of probationers in the Indian Civil Service.

I may state in this connection that I was selected as a result of an open competitive examination held in England, 1920.

I have received an allowance of £100f (one hundred pounds only) up till now. I shall remit the amount to the India Office as soon as my resignation is accepted.

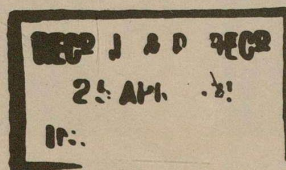
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

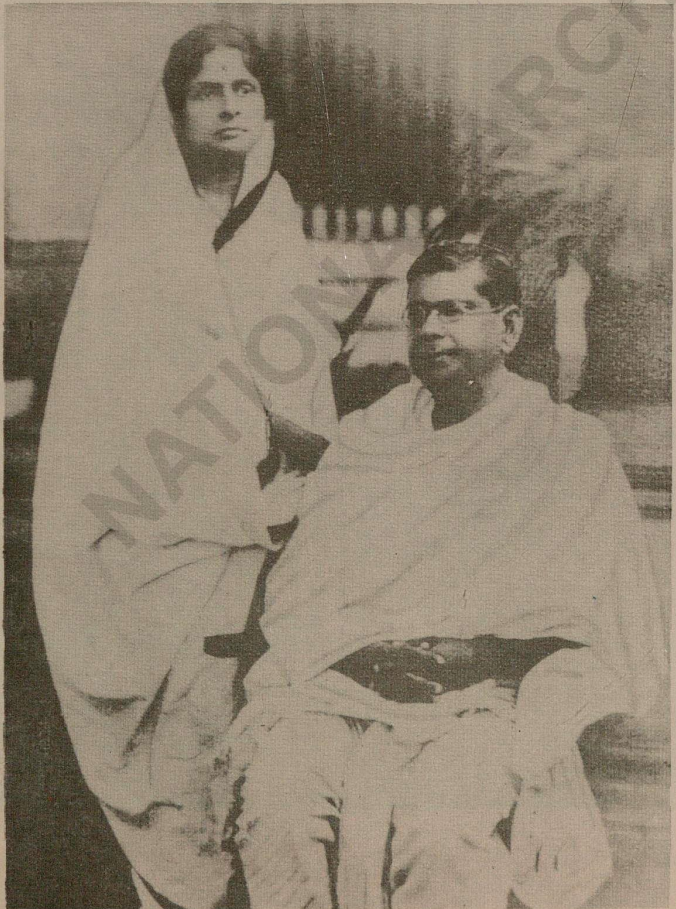
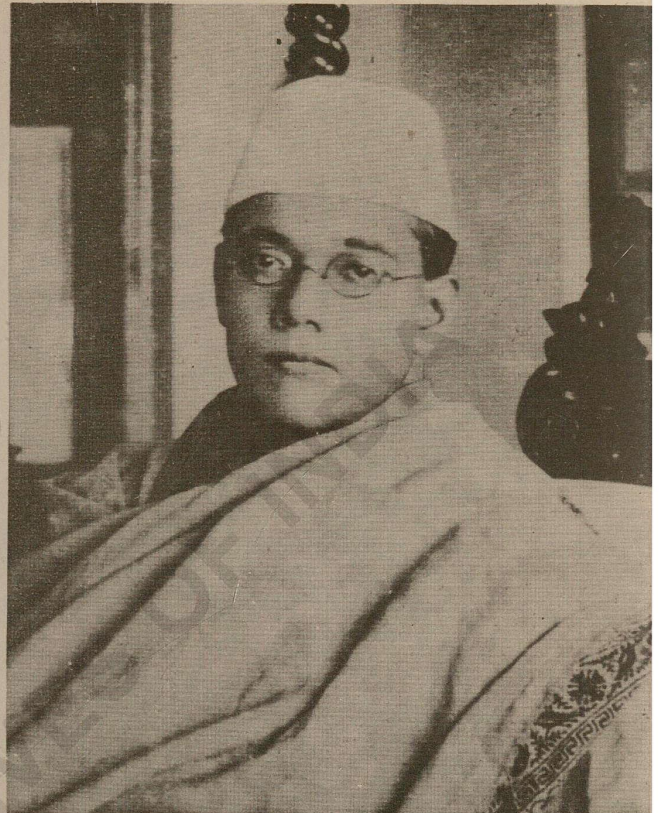
-Jubhas Chandra Bose.

Letter of resignation from the Indian
Civil Service, 22 April 1921





Group photograph with friends in England 1920 :
K. P. Chattopadhyaya, Subhas, Dilip K. Roy, C. C. Desai



In 1924 Subhas Chandra was arrested on charges of complicity in revolutionary movement and exiled to Burma. He lived in Burmese prisons till 1927. On his return he emerged on the national scene as the leader of Indian youth. At the Calcutta Congress in 1928, he donned full military uniform as the General Officer Commanding of national volunteers.

Top left: In Mandalay prison 1926

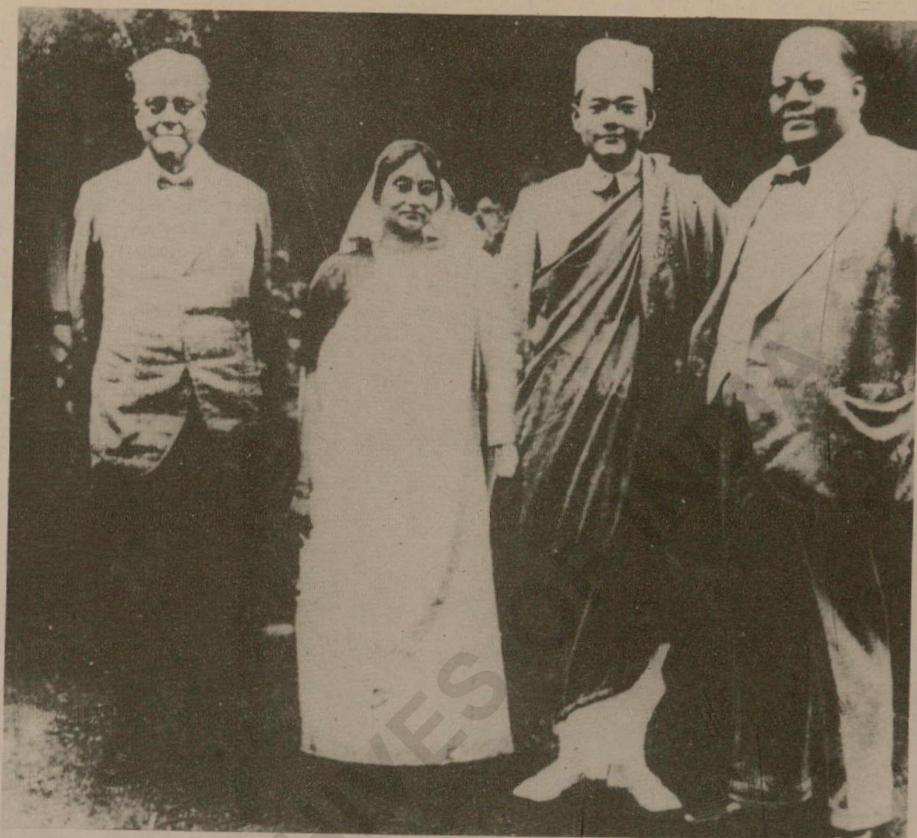
Top middle: After release 1927

Bottom left: Deshabandhu Chittaranjan Das whom Subhas called his political guru and his wife, Basanti Devi

Bottom middle: Chief Executive Officer, Calcutta Corporation 1924

Top right: In Shillong 1927: Janakinath, Bivabati, Subhas, Sarat

Bottom: Family photograph 1924



Bottom : Reviewing parade with
Motilal Nehru and
J. M. Sengupta

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Top : With Jawaharlal Nehru and
Congress workers 1929

Bottom : With comrades of the
Bengal Congress



With Congress volunteers, 1929

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Top : At a Youth Conference in
Lahore, 1929
Bottom : Bengal Political
Conference, Basirhat, 1929

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Mayor of Calcutta, 1931



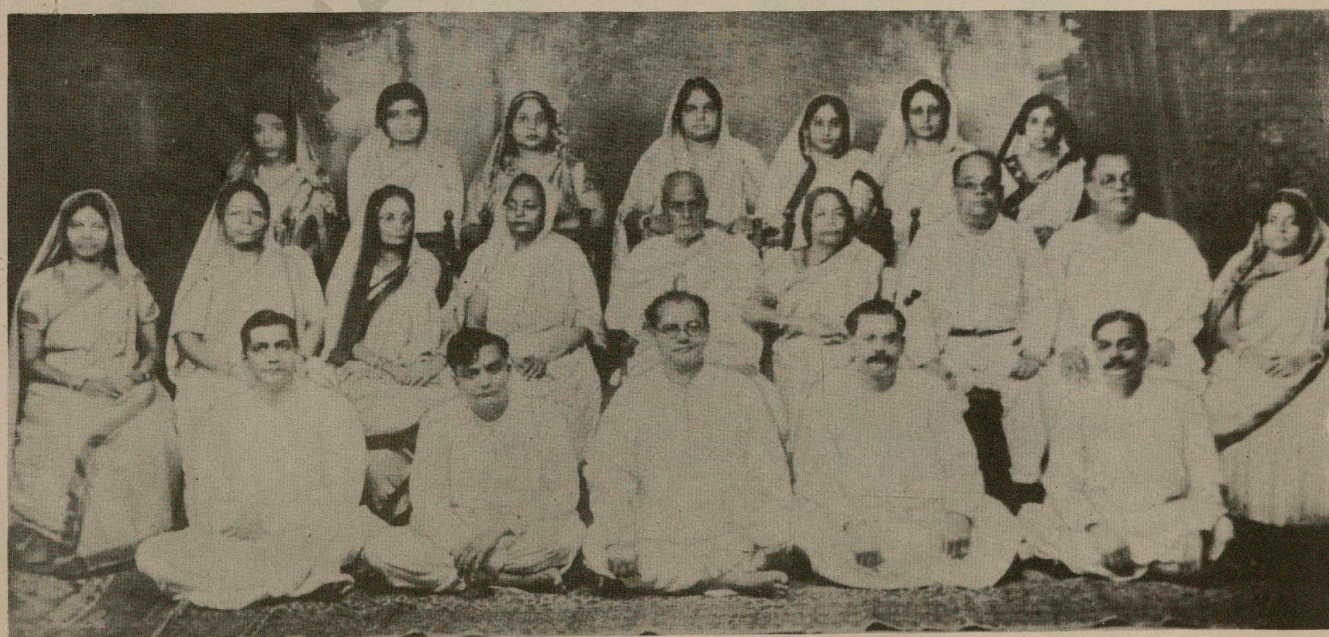
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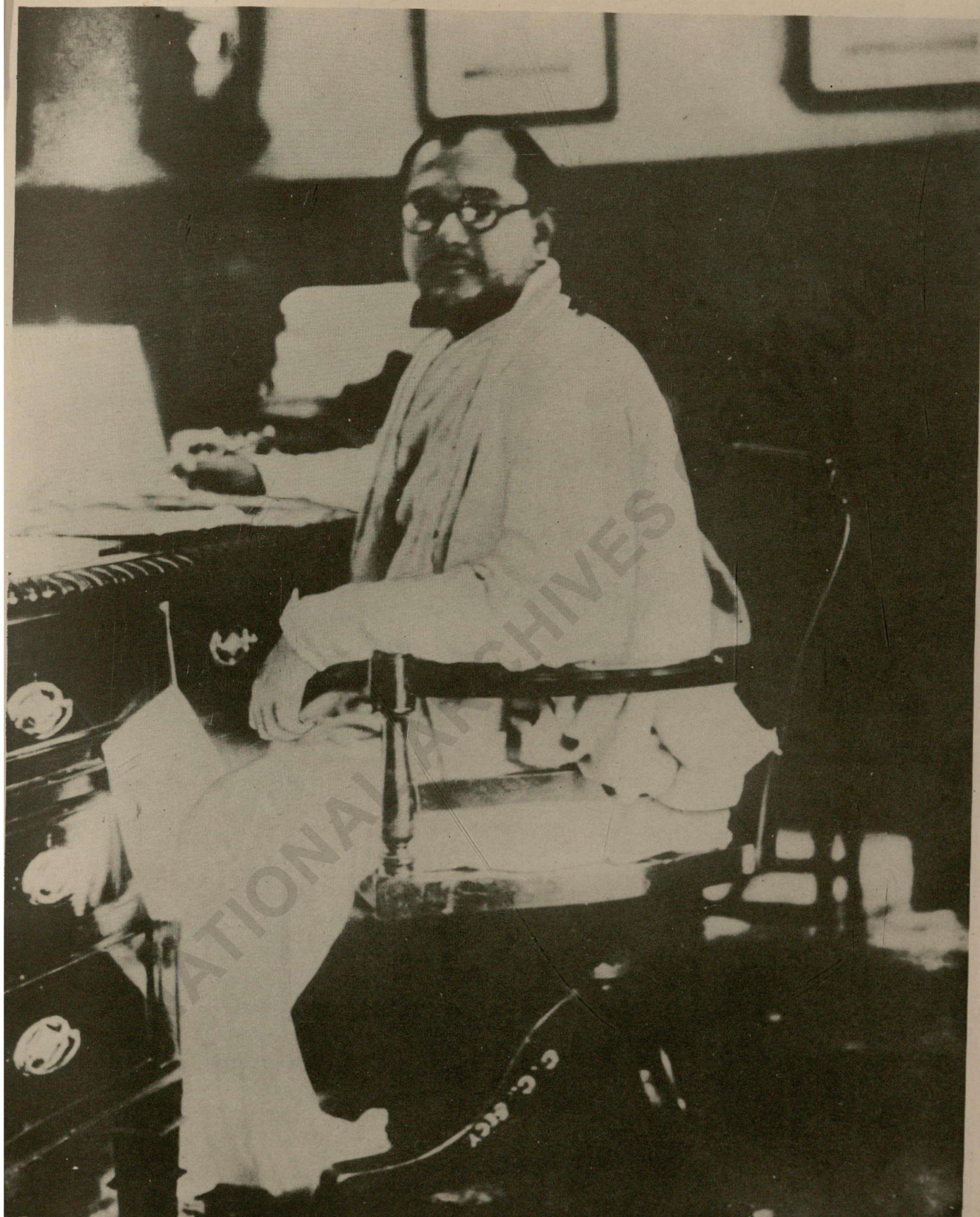
At the Calcutta Congress in 1928 Subhas Chandra pleaded that complete Independence and not Dominion Status as proposed by Mahatma Gandhi should be the national goal. His plea was rejected then, but was accepted a year later at the Lahore Congress. At the Lahore Congress, Subhas Chandra went a step further. He gave the plan of a parallel government to be organised by the Congress as an alternative to British rule.

Top : On tour 1931

Bottom : Family photograph 1931

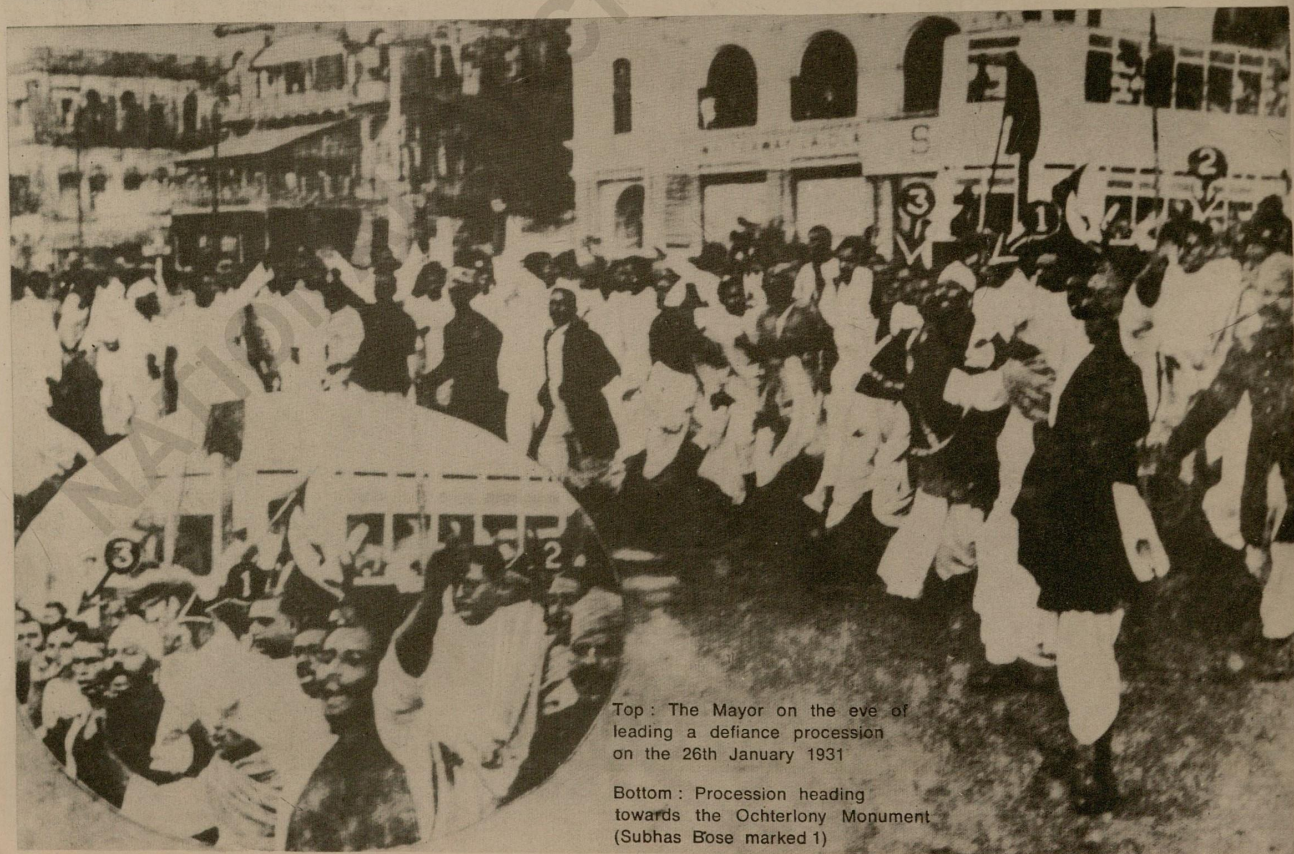


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The Mayor at his desk

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Top : The Mayor on the eve of leading a defiance procession on the 26th January 1931

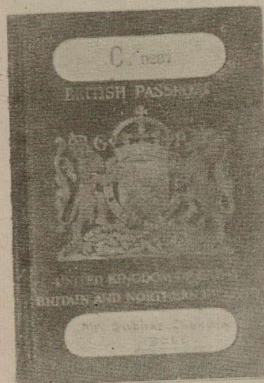
Bottom : Procession heading towards the Ochterlony Monument (Subhas Bose marked 1)

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British police charging the procession



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PASSPORT.

By His Majesty's
CONSUL
at
VIENNA

These are to request and require in the Name of His Majesty all those whom it may concern to allow the bearer to pass freely without let or hindrance and to afford him every assistance and protection of which he may stand in need.

Given at
VIENNA
the 18th day
of October 1936

John W. Taylor
His Majesty's Consul

This Passport contains 32 pages.
Ce passeport contient 32 pages.

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PASSPORT.
PASSEPORT.

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD

No. of PASSPORT
No. du PASSEPORT

C. 9287

NAME OF BEARER
NOM DU TITULAIRE

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose

ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE
(Married name)
ACCOMPAGNE DE SA FEMME
(Nom)

National STATUS

British Subject by birth

Passport used by Subhas Chandra In Europe in the thirties

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DESCRIPTION
SIGNALEMENT

Wife - Femme

Public worker

Cutback (Orissa)
India.
12th January 1897

Calcutta

6 ft 5 in

Dark

Dark

Small dark mole on spine of forehead

CHILDREN - ENFANTS

Sex

Male

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PHOTOGRAPH OF BEARER

WIFE FEMME

(photo)

Signature of Wife - Femme

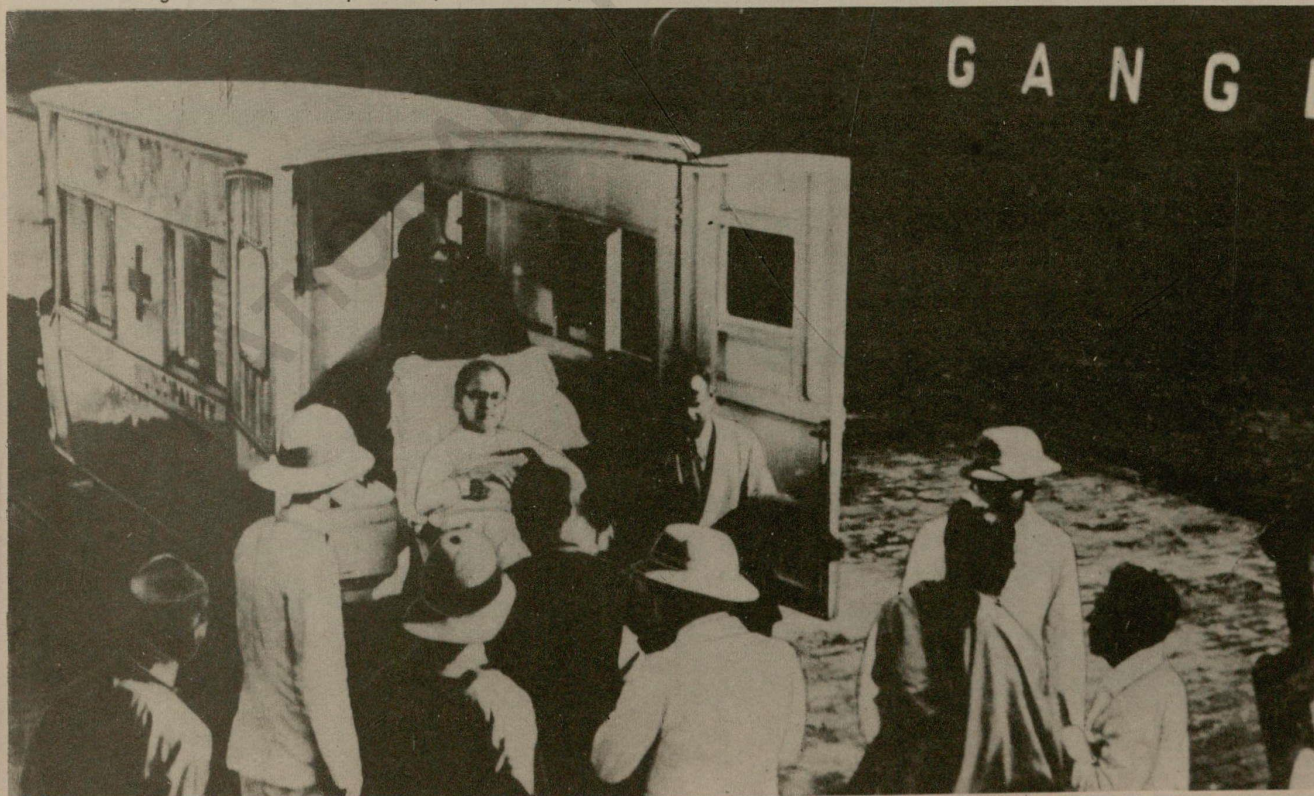


As a prisoner in a Lucknow



On board S.S. Gange on the voyage to Europe

Being carried to the ship at the pier in Bombay



"Vision Of 'Bharatmata' As She Is Destined To Be"

SJ. BOSE'S FEELING APPEAL TO BENGALLEES

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"To my physical suffering was added mental torture. During my incarceration outside Bengal, I watched with a sense of increasing pain and helplessness—the repression that was prevailing in the province. All that I could do in the circumstances was to silently pray in the loneliness of my cell that the Divine Mother may grant strength to our people and that a new Bengal may be born.

"Ten years from the realisation of life, through those long and dark hours I sought refuge in contemplation. The vision of India conjured up and worshipped by our great seers from Rishabh and Vishnu to Dattatreya and Dhanurjaya—rose before my mind's eye to give me solace, strength and inspiration. I felt—as I had never felt before—that the vision of 'Bharatmata' as she was destined to be—was the supreme Reality which transcended the shortcomings and imperfections of the present hour. That vision was a treasure of which no earthly power could deprive me—it was a shrine at which I worshipped from day to day.

"One of the dreams that have inspired me and given a purpose to my life is that of a great and undivided Bengal devoted to the service of India and of humanity—a Bengal that is above all sects and groups and is the home alike of the Moslem, the Hindu, the Christian and the Buddhist. It is this Bengal—the Bengal of my dreams—the Bengal of the future still in embryo—that I worship and strive to serve in my daily life.

"To interpret this dream and endeavour to translate it into reality—is one of the passions of my life. It is a task to which we must give our very best if success is to be ours. No sacrifice is too dear—no suffering too great—if we are to fulfil this mission. Friends, will you not rise to that noble height where the vision of a great and undivided Bengal will be the only reality before? Remember the legacy bequeathed by our great men. Forget not that you are the heirs of their dreams—the hopes of the country's future. If you are great yourselves in thought and deed—then alone will you be able to make your country great. Therefore I say with all the sincerity that I can command: 'Forget your petty quarrels, sink your personal differences—strive to make Bengal united and great—so that in her greatness may be our highest happiness and glory. After all, who dies if Bengal lives; who lives if Bengal dies!'

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While in prison in 1932 during the civil disobedience movement, Subhas Chandra was taken seriously ill. Medical treatment provided by British authorities was of no avail. Eventually, he was permitted to proceed to Europe for cure on condition that he would be a free man only after he had left the shores of India

Parting message to countrymen

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On arrival in Vienna
Inset: At the Nursing Home in
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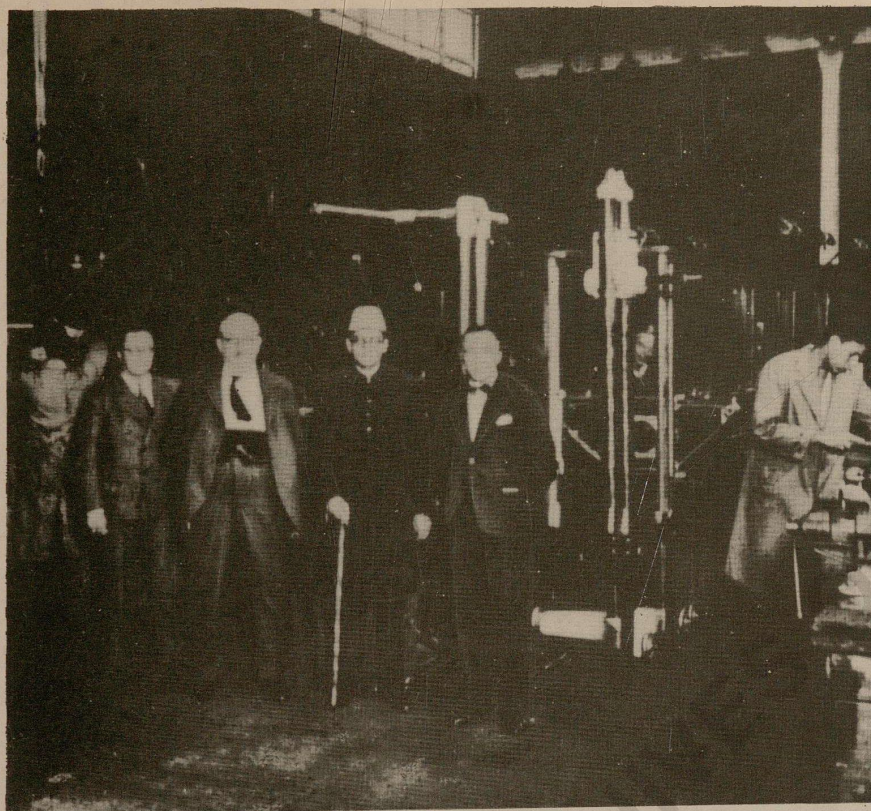
A portrait taken in Prague, 1933



Top : With the Mayor of Vienna Bottom : With Vithalbhai Patel



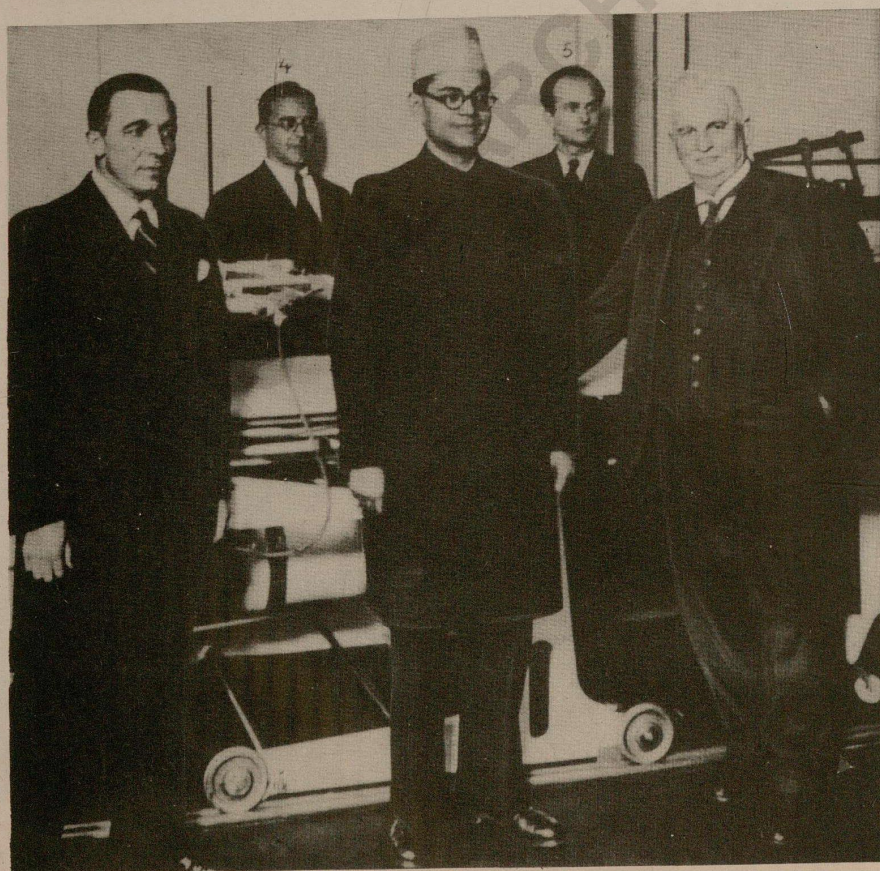
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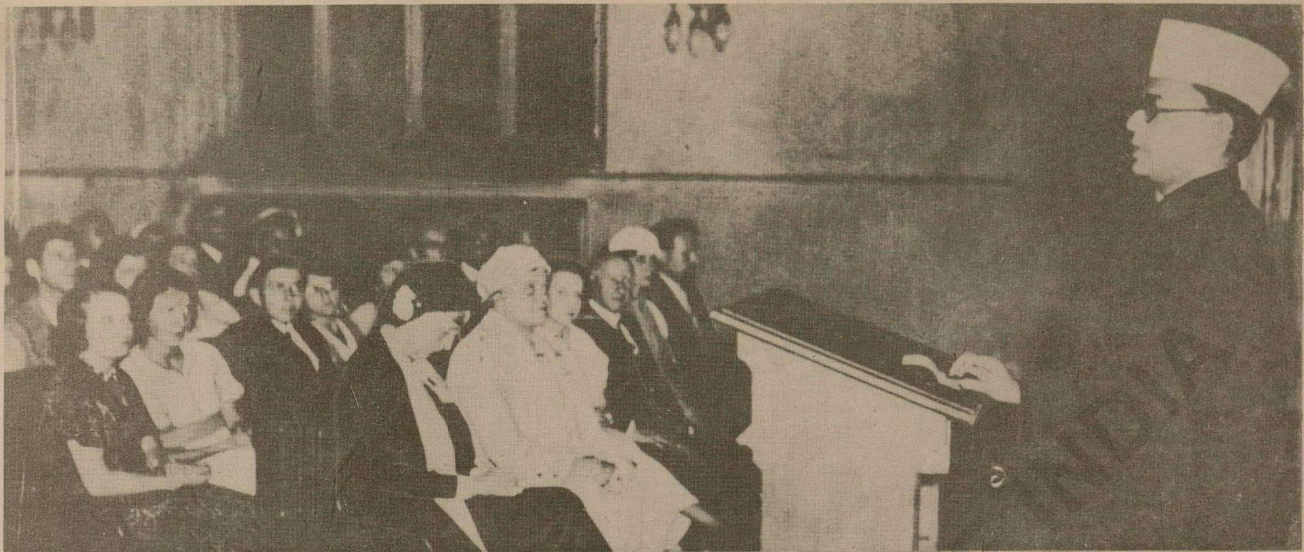


As an exile in Europe from 1933 to 1936, regardless of his indifferent health, Subhas Chandra Bose took upon himself the role of the unofficial ambassador of India and the spokesman of India's freedom fighters. He toured extensively campaigning for his country's freedom, countering anti-Indian propaganda of British imperialists, seeking friends and allies for the national cause. He also studied at first-hand the various socio-economic and scientific experiments then in progress in Europe and tried to promote commercial and cultural ties with European countries.

He parleyed with the political leaders of Europe as the representative of Free India and on equal terms to further the national interest of the people of India both before and after the attainment of independence.

Study tour of industrial establishments in Europe.





Addressing a meeting in Berlin 1933



Inaugural function of Indian Students' Association, Milan, Italy, 1934

Bottom : Addressing a meeting in Milan

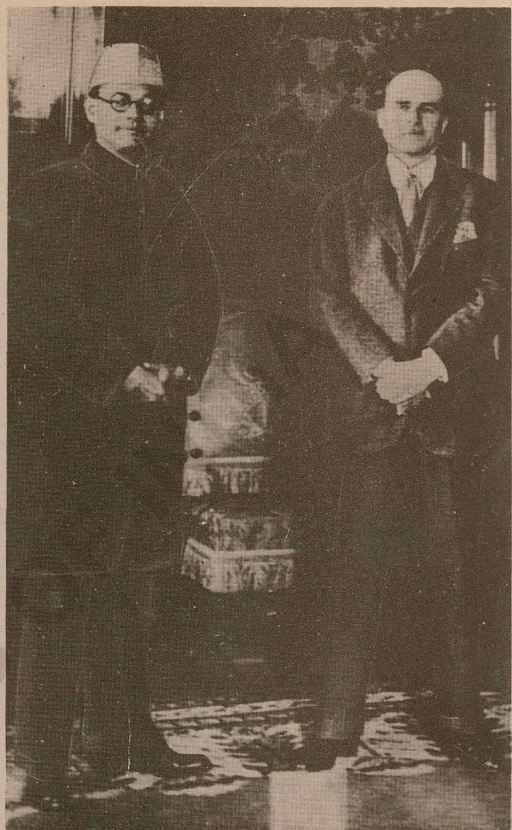


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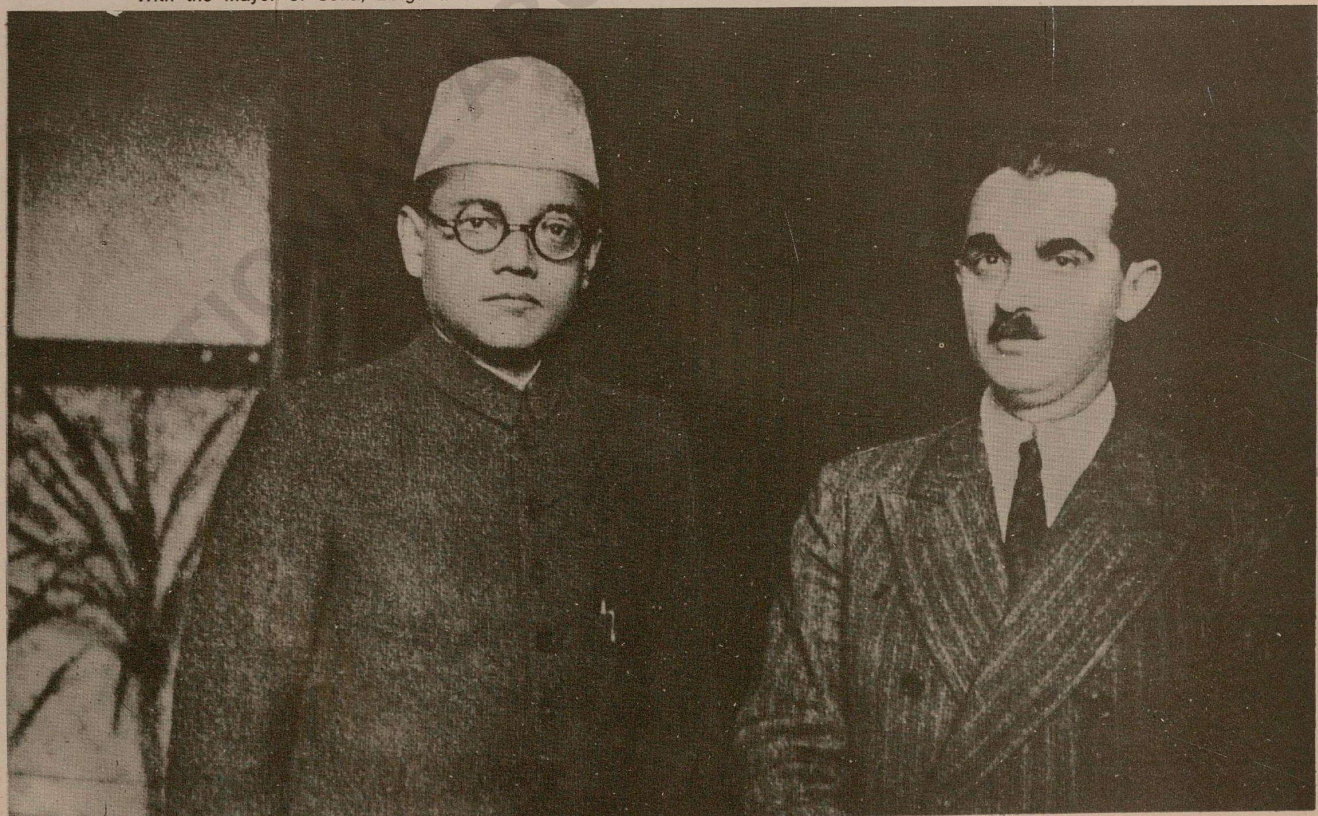


With Indian students in Berlin 1934

With the Mayor of Sofia, Bulgaria



With the Mayor of Rome



Subhas Chandra rushed back to India at the end of 1934 to see his dying father but he arrived just too late. He was placed under house-arrest in his Calcutta home. After completing **Sradh** ceremonies of his late father, he returned to Europe in January 1935.

Top : A tourist in Europe

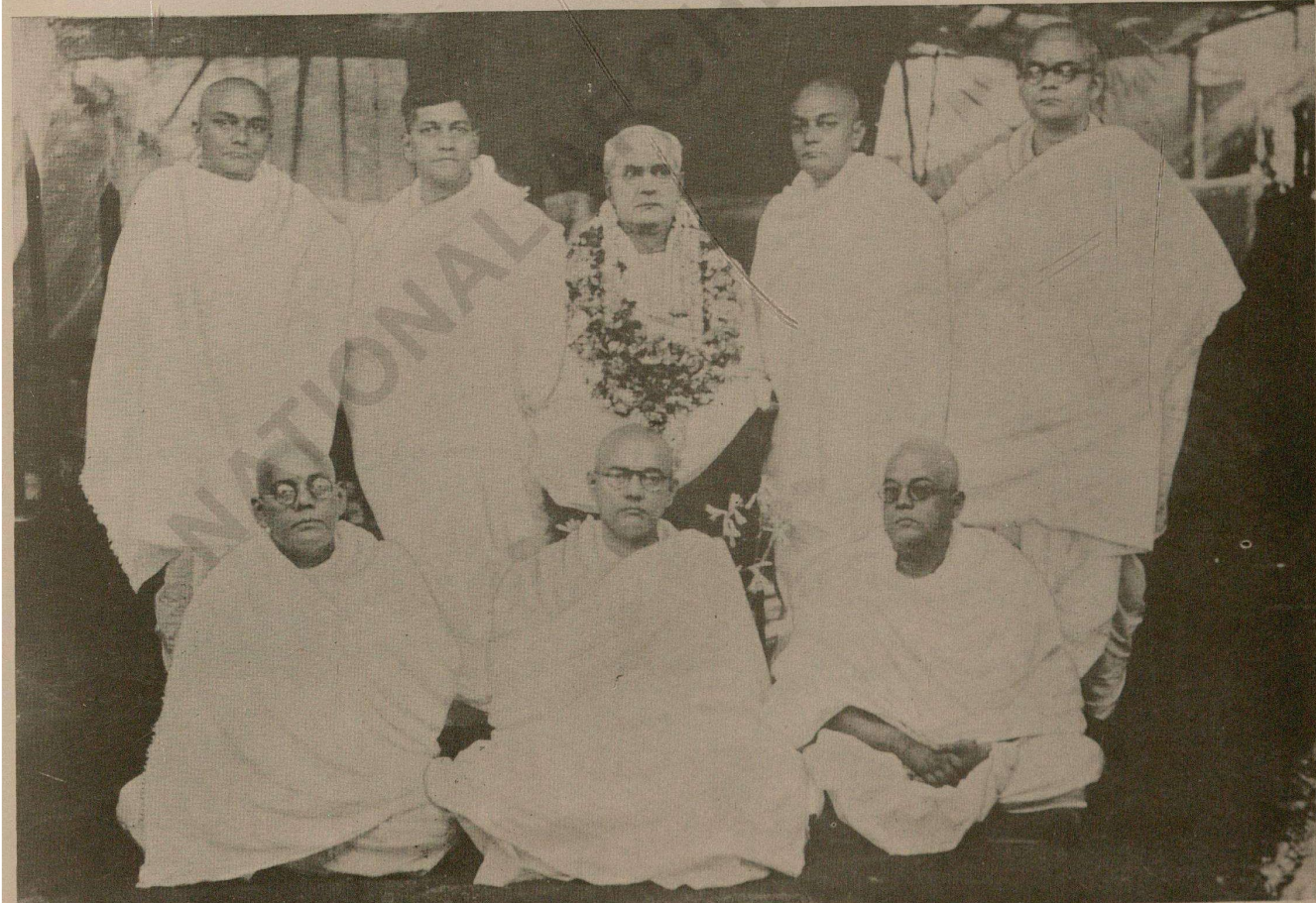
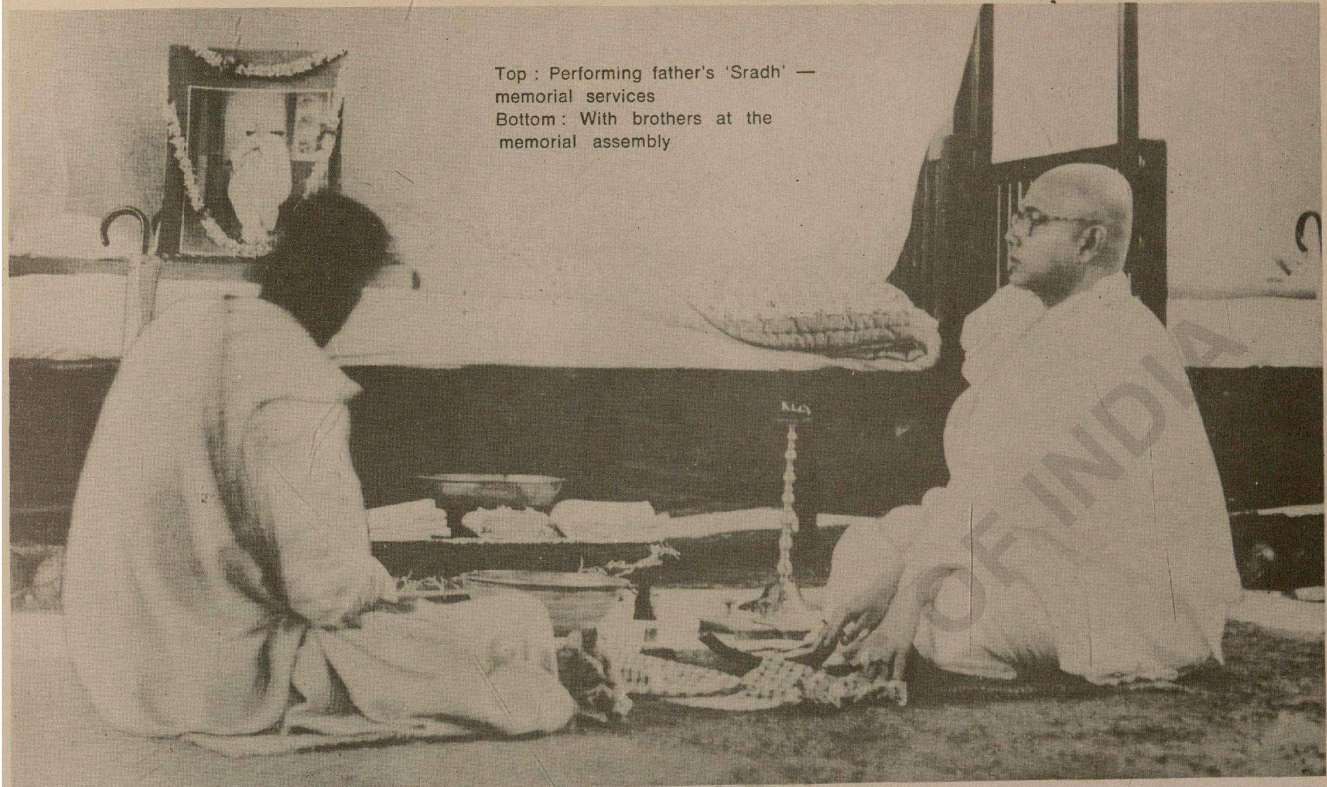
Bottom : In Egypt on the way to Europe



In mourning for father, Calcutta,
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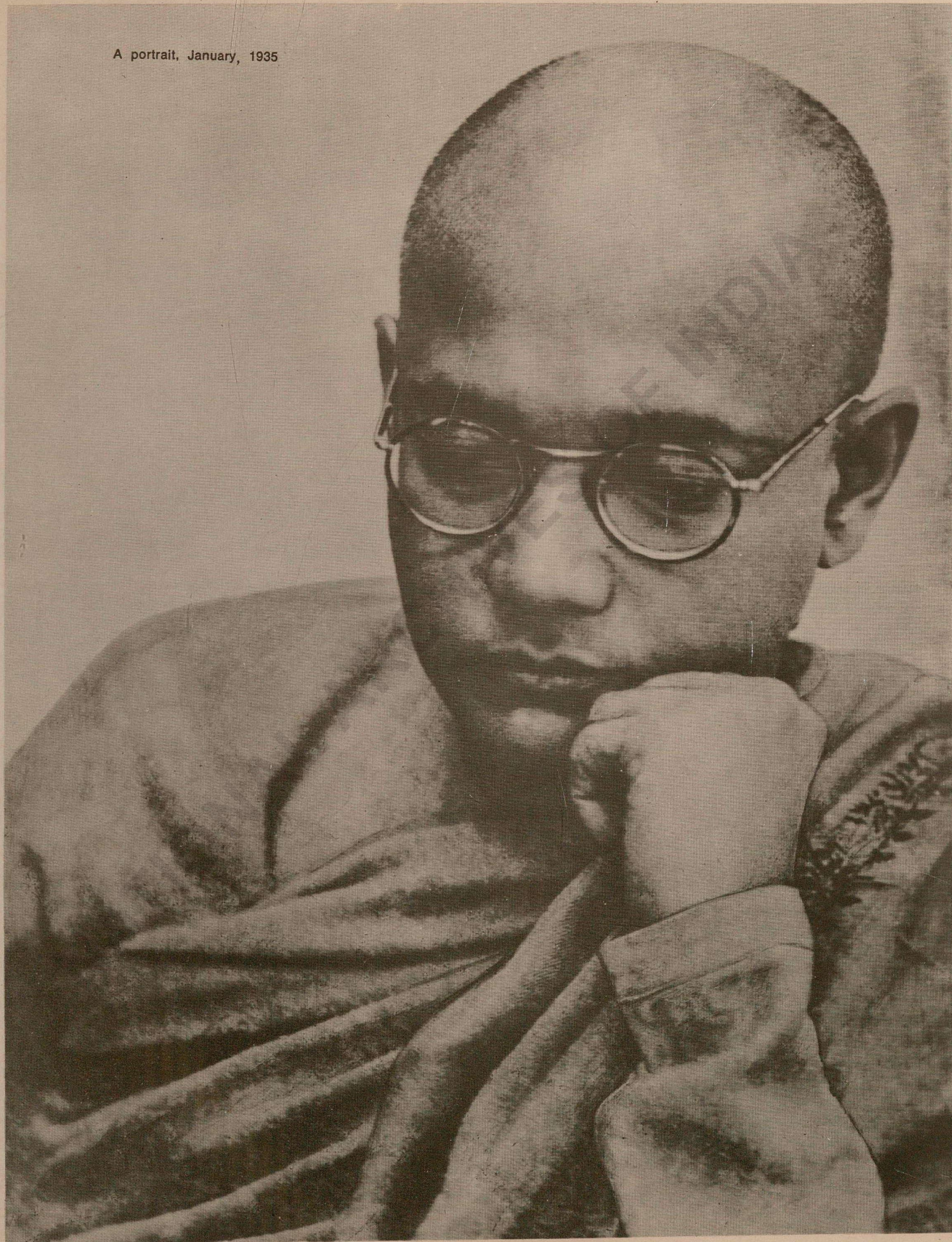


Top : Performing father's 'Sradh' —
memorial services
Bottom : With brothers at the
memorial assembly



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A portrait, January, 1935



During his exile in Europe in the thirties Subhas Chandra Bose wrote his major work "The Indian Struggle 1920-34", an objective and analytical account of India's struggle for independence of the period. The book was published from England in January 1935 but its entry into India was banned by the British Government as soon as it was released. It made a powerful impact on academic and intellectual circles in Europe not excluding England.

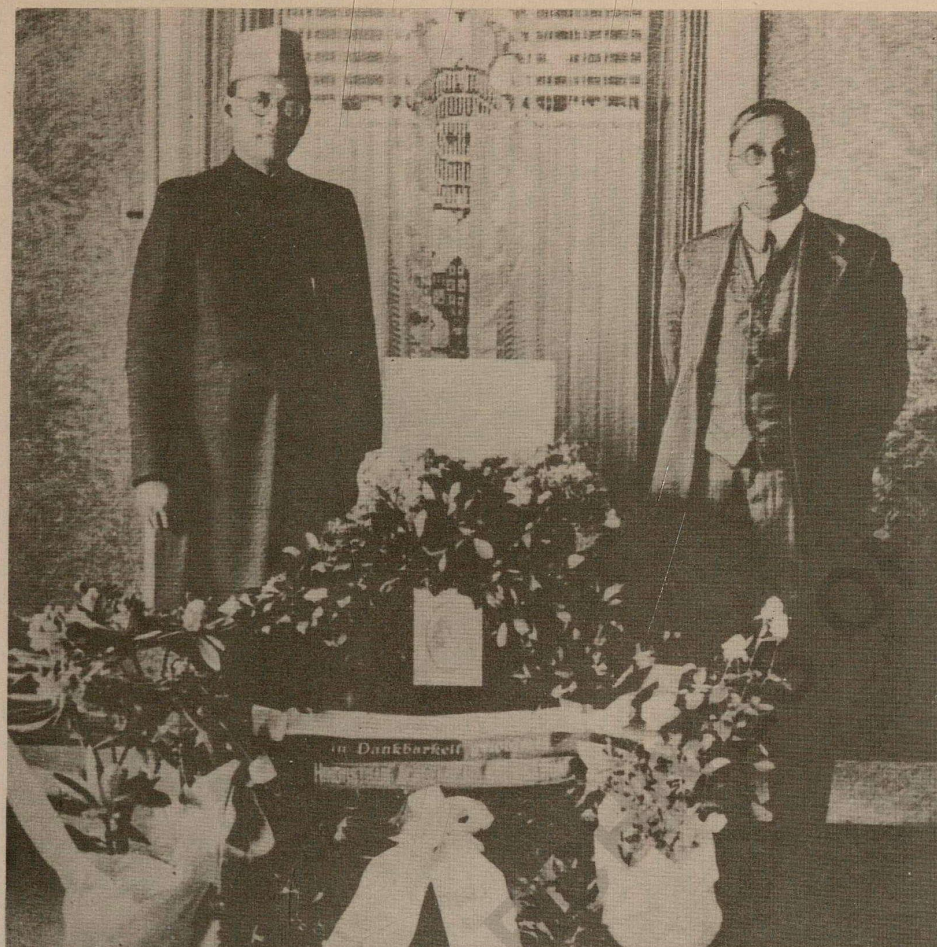
In his book Bose summed up the task before the country thus: "the future of India ultimately lies with a party with a clear ideology, programme and plan of action — a party that will not only fight for and win freedom, but will put into effect the entire programme of post-war reconstruction — a party that will break the isolation that has been India's curse and bring her into the comity of nations — firm in the belief that the fate of India is indissolubly linked up with the fate of humanity."

Top: In Egypt on the way back to Europe

Bottom: In Athens, Greece



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In Europe Bose found a kindred spirit in Vithalbhai Patel, a veteran nationalist leader, who unfortunately died towards the end of 1933, leaving Subhas Chandra to continue his work for his country alone.

Top : At the Vithalbhai Patel Memorial in Geneva

Bottom : The memorial group



A portrait taken in Munich, 1935





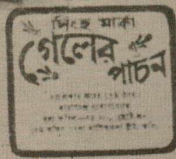
Top : With his surgeon Demel of Vienna after his surgical operation, April 1935

Bottom : Bose at the golden jubilee celebration of the Indian National Congress, Vienna, 1936

Bose slowly recovered his normal health after his operation for a diseased gall-bladder and resumed his work for his country. Between 1933 and 1936 he toured practically the whole of Europe outside Russia which concluded with a visit to Ireland and a meeting with De Valera. He helped in founding organisations in various countries of Europe for developing contact with India.

In April 1936 he returned to India rejecting a warning by the British Government that he would be arrested if he did. He was taken into custody the moment he set foot on Indian soil in Bombay.





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SJ. SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE ARRESTED

SJ. BOSE'S ARREST TAKEN TO THE ARTHUR ROAD PRISON. FAREWELL SPEECH

Will Congress Change Its Programme?

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Lord Willingdon Addresses Assembly For The Last Time

ANXIOUS ENQUIRIES IN CONGRESS CIRCLES

How They View The News Of The Arrest

"ACHIEVEMENTS" OF HIS REGIME

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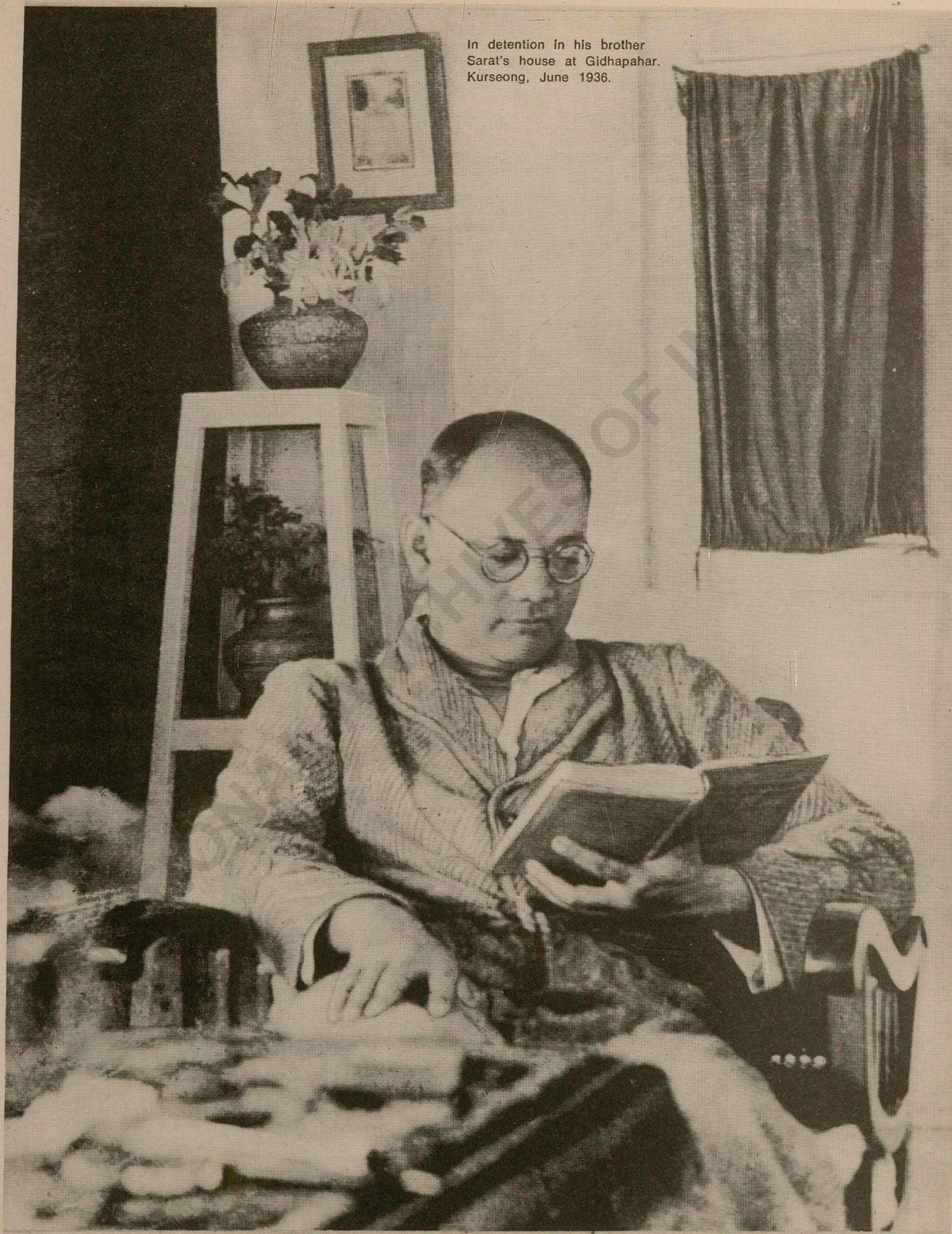
Lord Willingdon has addressed the Assembly for the last time. He has spoken of his achievements during his tenure as Governor-General. He has also spoken of his hopes for the future of India. He has said that he has been proud to serve India and that he has enjoyed his time in the country. He has also said that he has learned a great deal from the people of India. He has said that he will continue to be interested in India and its people. He has said that he will continue to work for the betterment of India. He has said that he will continue to be a friend of India. He has said that he will continue to be a loyal servant of the British Empire. He has said that he will continue to be a loyal servant of the King. He has said that he will continue to be a loyal servant of the people of India.

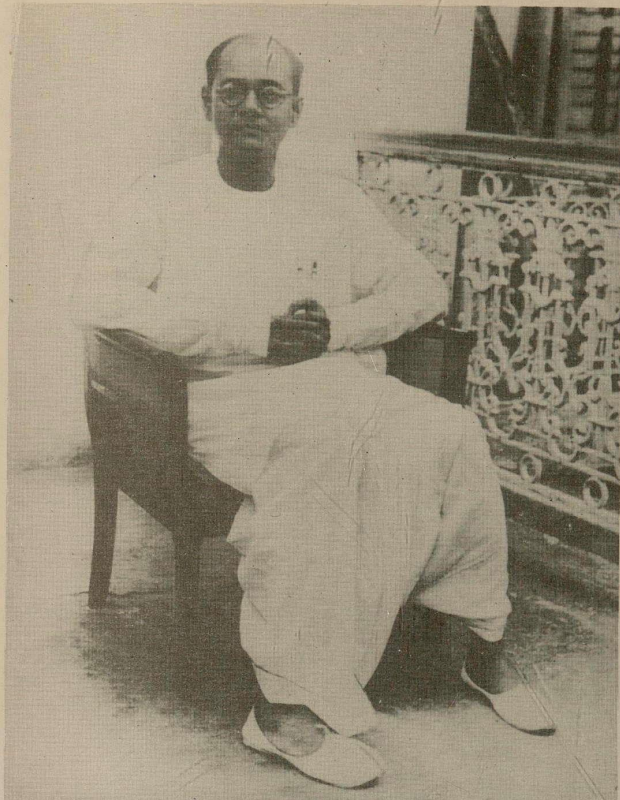


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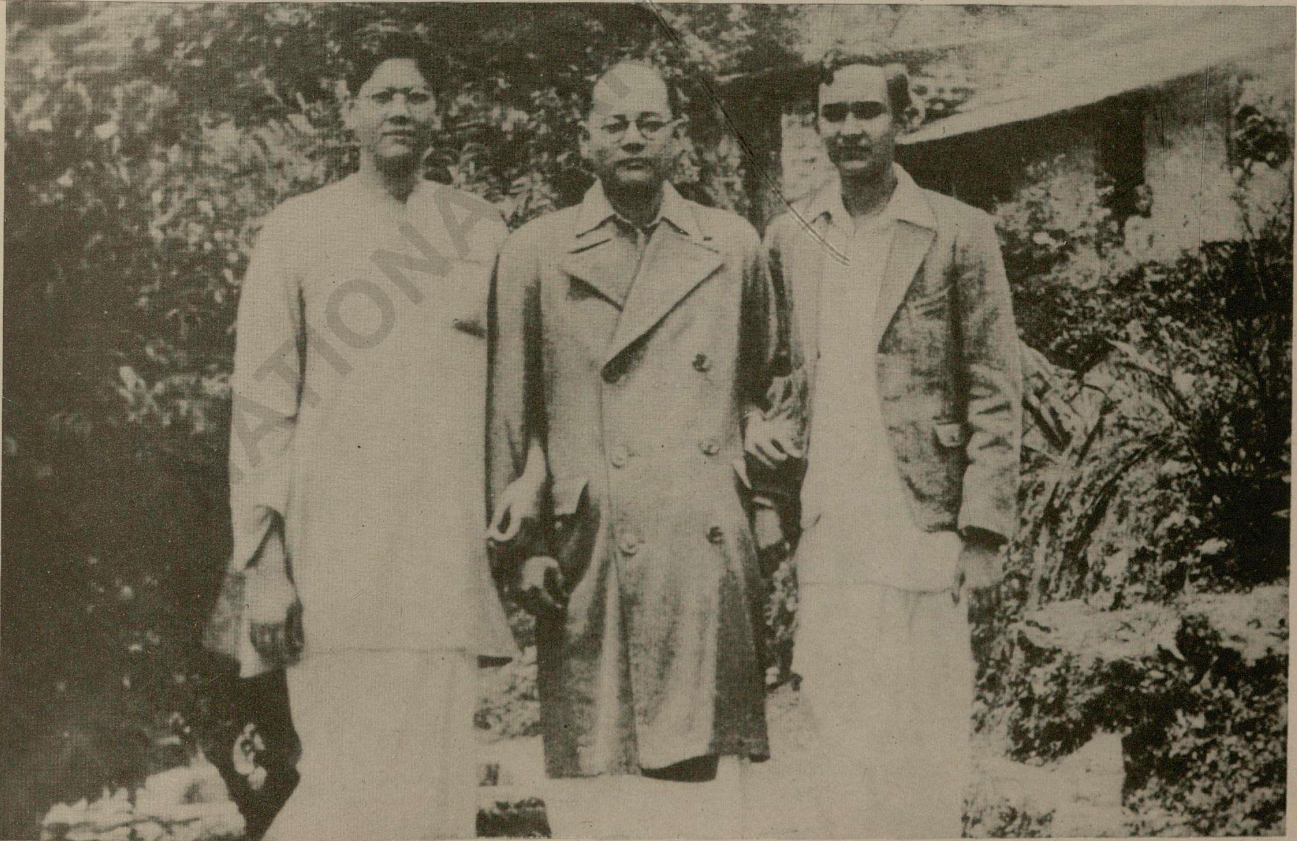
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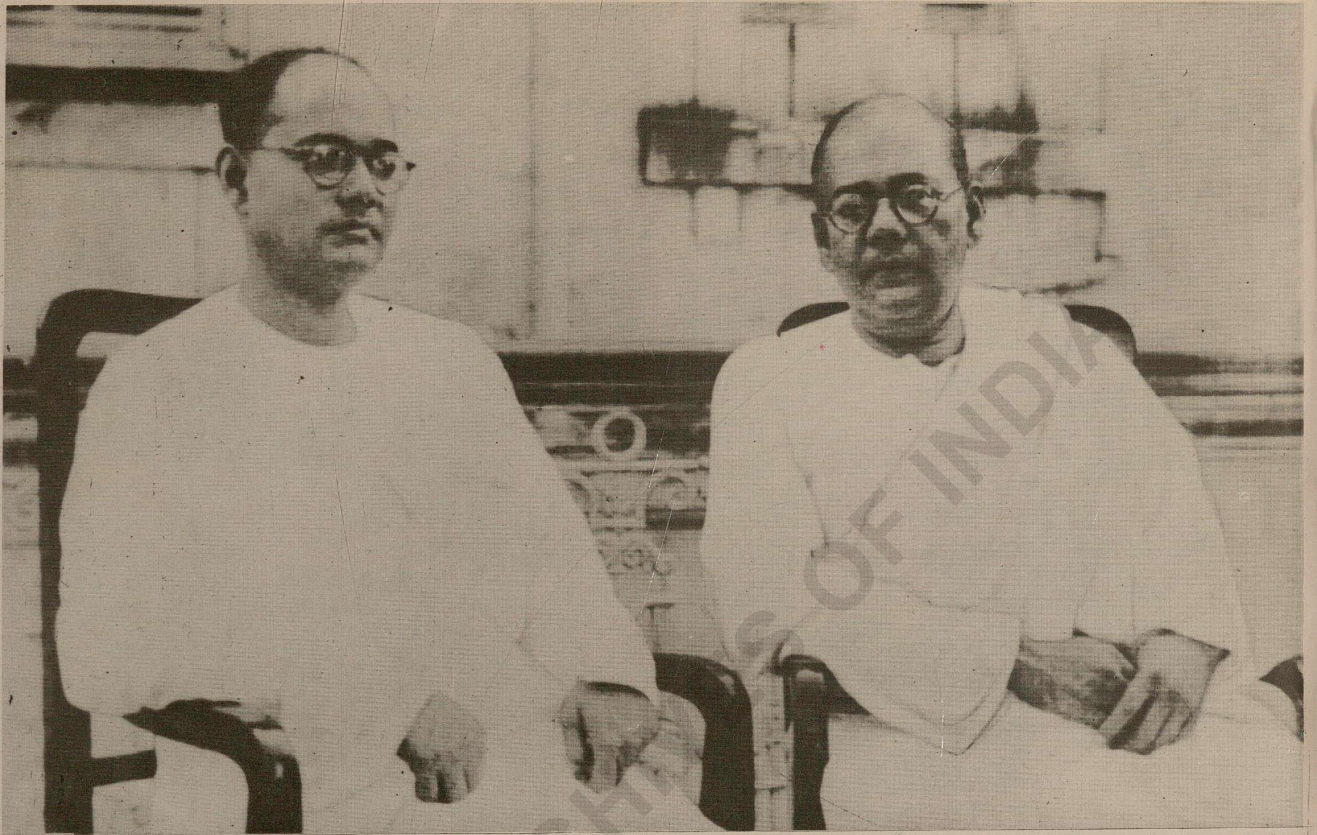
In detention in his brother
Sarat's house at Gidhapahar.
Kurseong, June 1936.





At his Elgin Road house after release from detention, April 1937 With his young nephews and nieces
Bottom : With nephews Amiya and Sisir at Gidhapahar, Kurseong, June 1936





Top : Bengal's Bhowse Brothers Subhas and Sarat Chandra, 1937 Bottom : Calcutta's public reception to Subhas after his release from detention





To recoup his health, Subhas Chandra spent some time at Dalhousie in the autumn of 1937. He is seen in the picture with his hosts, Dr. and Mrs. Dharmvir on his arrival there.

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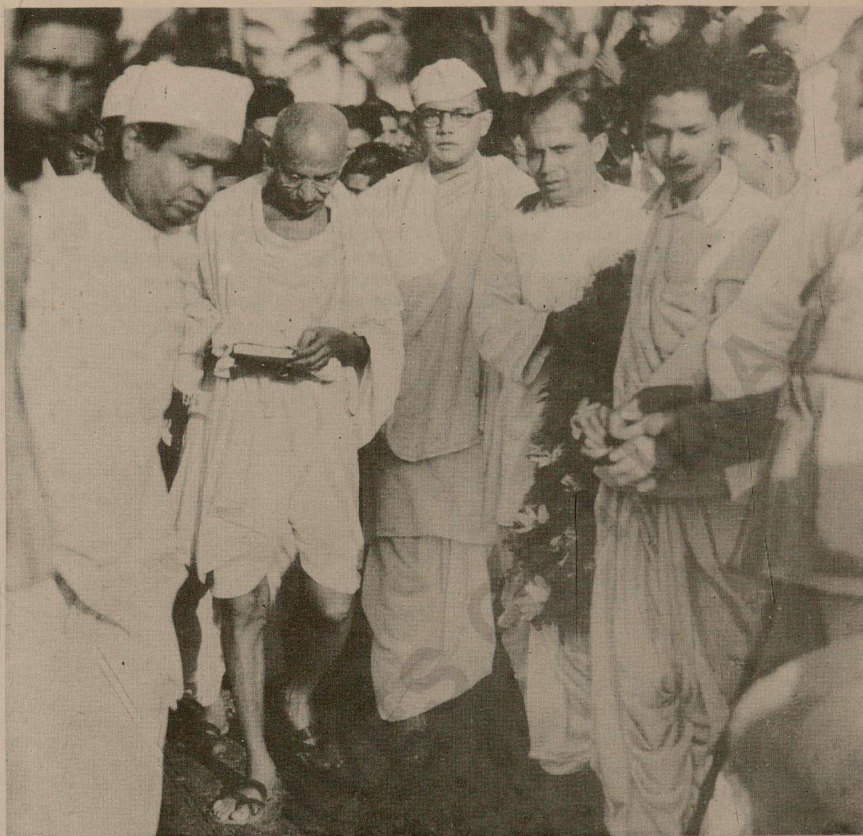


Top : With fellow members of the Congress Party Bottom : With journalist friends, Calcutta, October 1937



The All India Congress Committee met in Calcutta in October 1937. Bose Brothers took charge of its organisation. The Working Committee met at the residence of Sarat Chandra at 1, Woodburn Park while the A.I.C.C. held its sessions at Wellington Square. A new phase in the national struggle had commenced three months earlier with the acceptance of ministerial office by the Congress party in seven out of eleven provinces of British India under the New Constitution of 1935. On the other hand, left forces in the Congress had by then gained considerable strength and were making their presence felt. The Calcutta meetings, therefore, with Nehru as President and Subhas Bose an active participant assumed special significance.

Top : Subhas Chandra receiving Mahatma Gandhi at a suburban station near Calcutta
Bottom : Subhas receiving Jawaharlal



Meetings of the Indian National Congress, wherever held, always enjoyed great popular appeal and were taken by the public in India to be events of national importance. The reasons were two-fold. First, during the struggle for independence the National Congress was the united platform of the Indian people on which all and varying ideological currents in India's political life were represented. Secondly, the Congress leadership consisted

of a galaxy of outstanding and colourful personalities from all parts of the country with tremendous mass appeal. Subhas Chandra Bose was released from internment in March 1937, a year after his return from his long European exile. The sojourn in Europe had

brought about the second major transformation in his personality. When he left India in 1933 he was still struggling for a foothold on the Indian political scene. When he returned in 1937 he was not only a leader in his own right but a statesman who stood head and shoulders above most of his contemporaries. In the words of Rabindra Nath Tagore : "Today you are revealed in the pure light of midday sun which does not admit of apprehensions. You

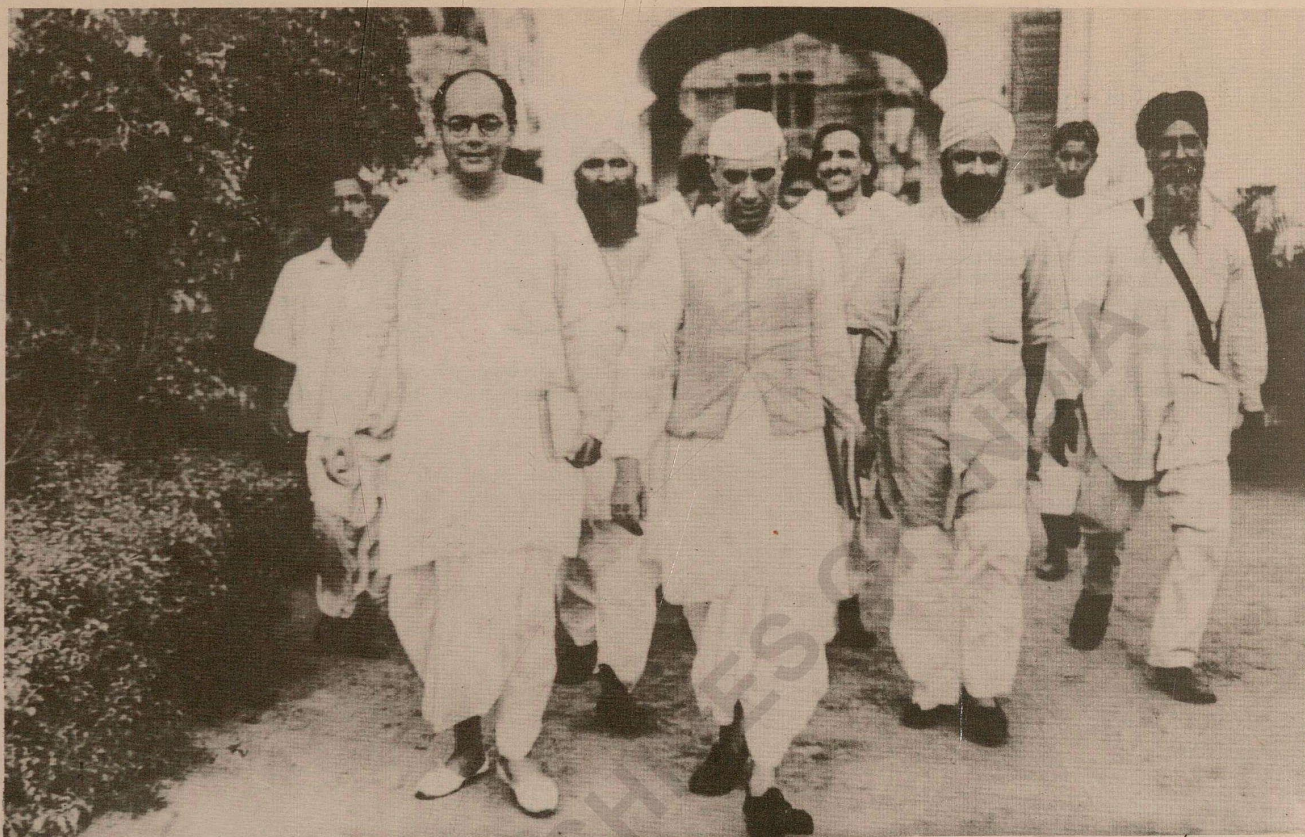


have come to absorb varied experience during these years. Today you bring your matured mind and irrepressible vitality to bear upon the work at hand...." Therefore, even his ideological opponents would not deny him at that critical moment his rightful place in national affairs. While Subhas Chandra was still away in Europe or in internment, his brother Sarat Chandra returned to active politics late in 1935 after a long spell in prison. Sarat Chandra soon became the undisputed leader of the Congress party in Bengal and a member of the Congress High Command.

In the elections held in 1936-37 to the Bengal legislature he led his party to victory. Thus, when the party held its meetings in Calcutta in October 1937, the Bose Brothers were the natural hosts to the congregation. The Working Committee of the Congress which met at 1, Woodburn Park, pictured below, showed a fascinating array of national talent. Beginning on the left with Jairamdas Daulatram are seen Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan or

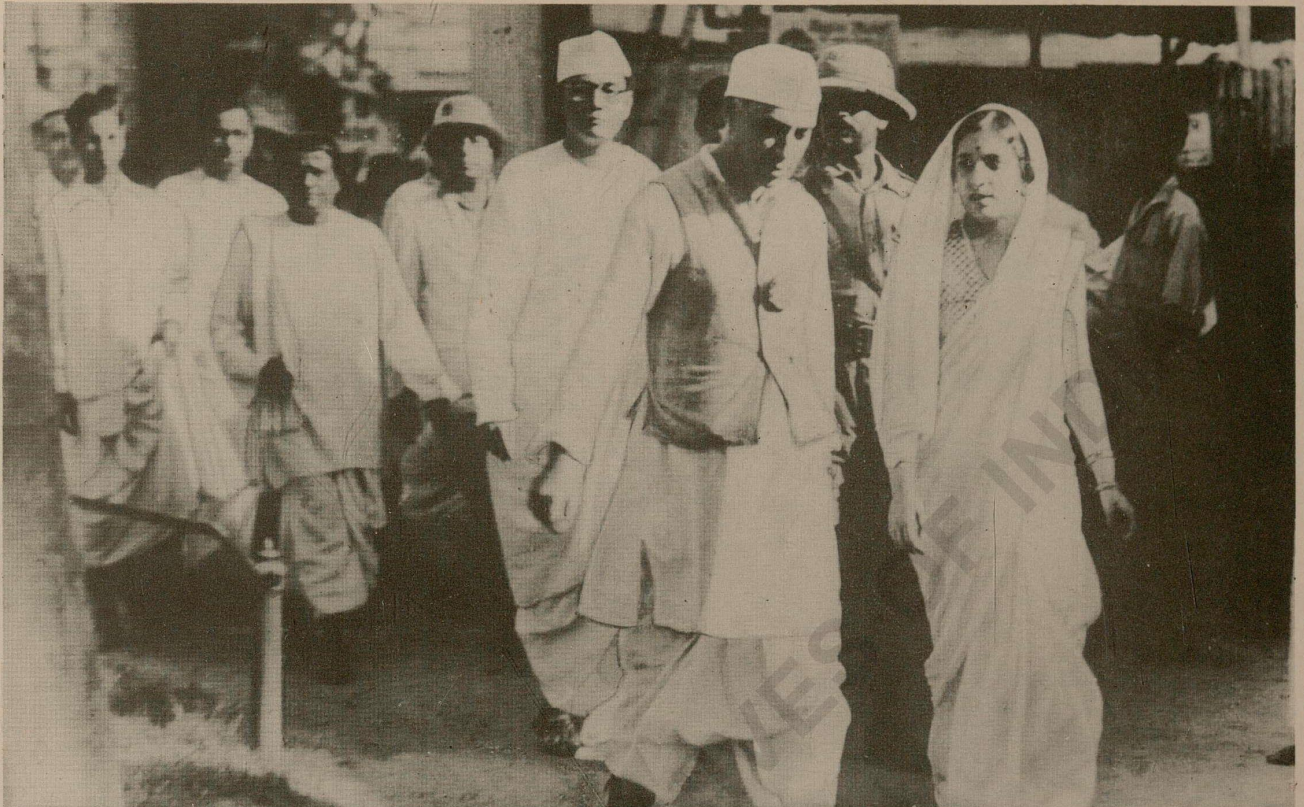
"Frontier Gandhi", Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Sankar Rao Deo, Bhulabhai Desai, Sarojini Naidu, Subhas Chandra Bose, Jawaharlal Nehru, J. B. Kripalani, Vallabhbhai Patel, Achyut Patwardhan, Narendra Deva and Govind Ballav Pant. The bust looking on is that of Janakinath Bose, father of the Bose Brothers. As the Working Committee deliberated in one room of the house, the supreme mentor of the party, Mahatma Gandhi lived his own life in another but kept himself available for consultations.



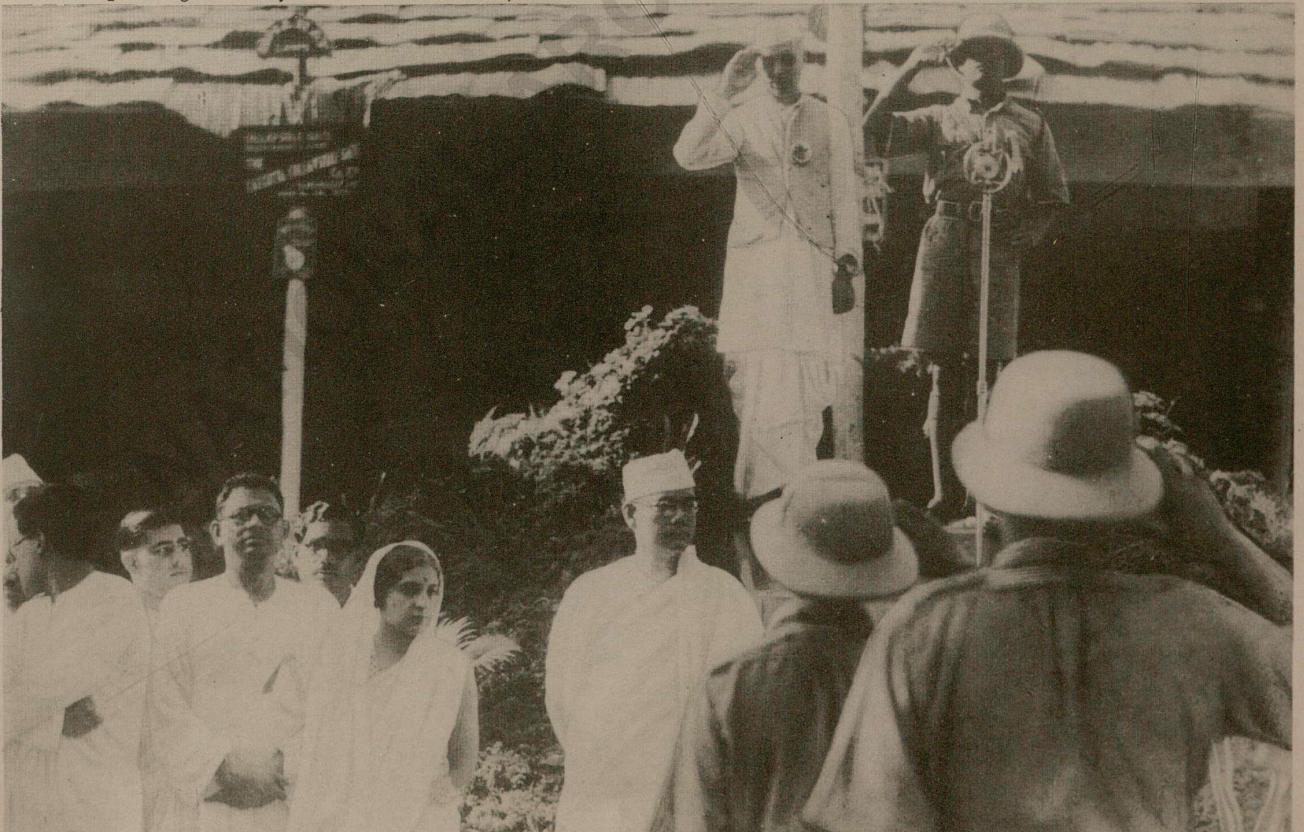


Top : Leaders disperse after a session Bottom : Leaders proceed to the A.I.C.C. meeting from 1, Woodburn Park



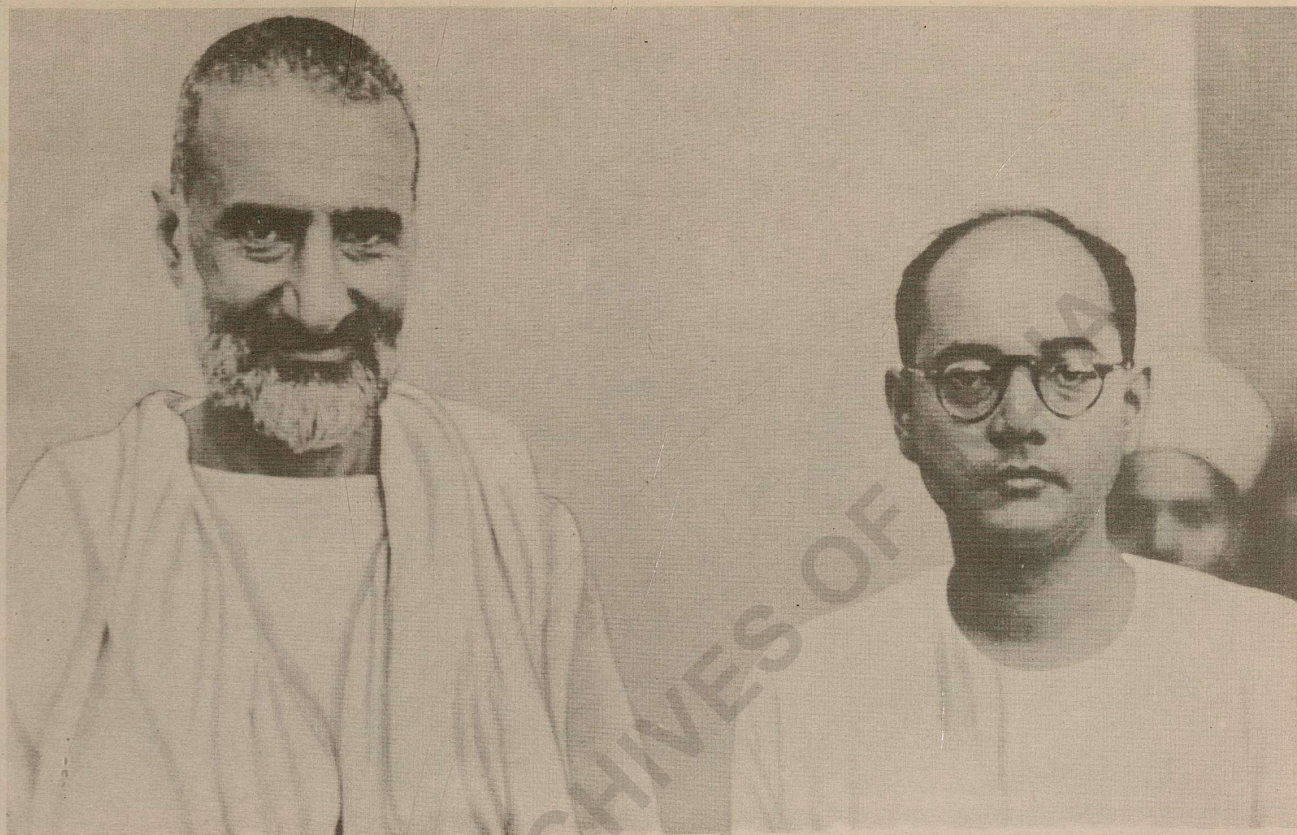


Top : Bose, Nehru and Vijay Lakshmi Pandit arrive at Wellington Square for A.I.C.C. meeting



Bottom : Flag-hoisting ceremony in front of the A.I.C.C. pandal

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Top : With Abdul Gaffar Khan, Calcutta, 1937 Bottom : Greeted by admirers at the A.I.C.C. campus

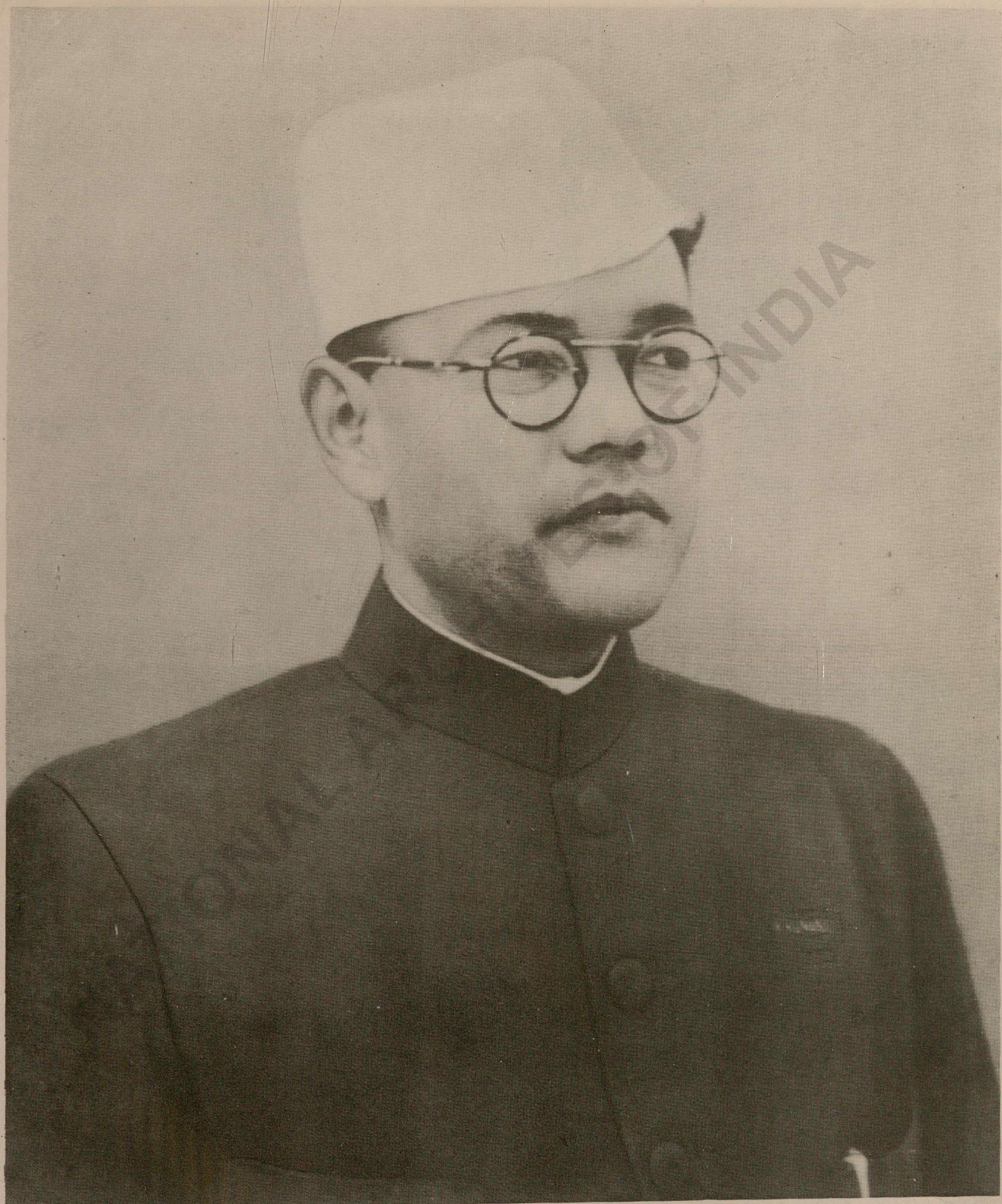




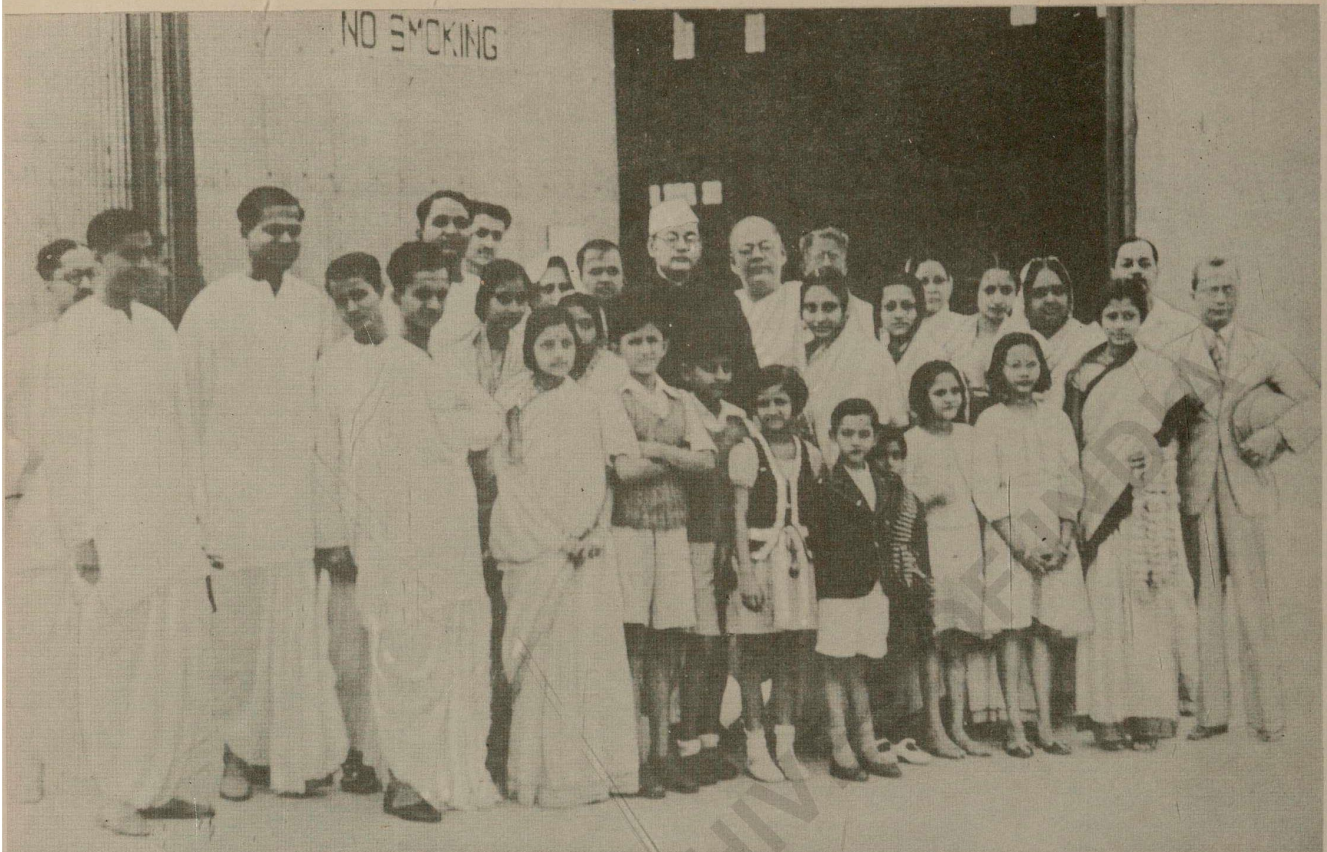
Top : In intimate conversation with Gandhiji inside a railway compartment, November 1937 Bottom : With Jawaharlal Nehru, 1937



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Portrait taken in November 1937
prior to his departure for Europe



Top : Send-off by the family at Dum Dum airport Bottom : Waving goodbye



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During his short European trip from November 1937 to January 1938 Bose paid another visit to his favourite health resort Badgastein in Austria. At this time he wrote his unfinished autobiography 'An Indian Pilgrim'

Top left : With Mrs. Hedy Fulop-Miller

Top right : Enjoying the snows of Badgastein

Bottom : With A. C. N. Nambiar, Mrs. Fulop-Miller, Emilie Schenk and A. N. Bose





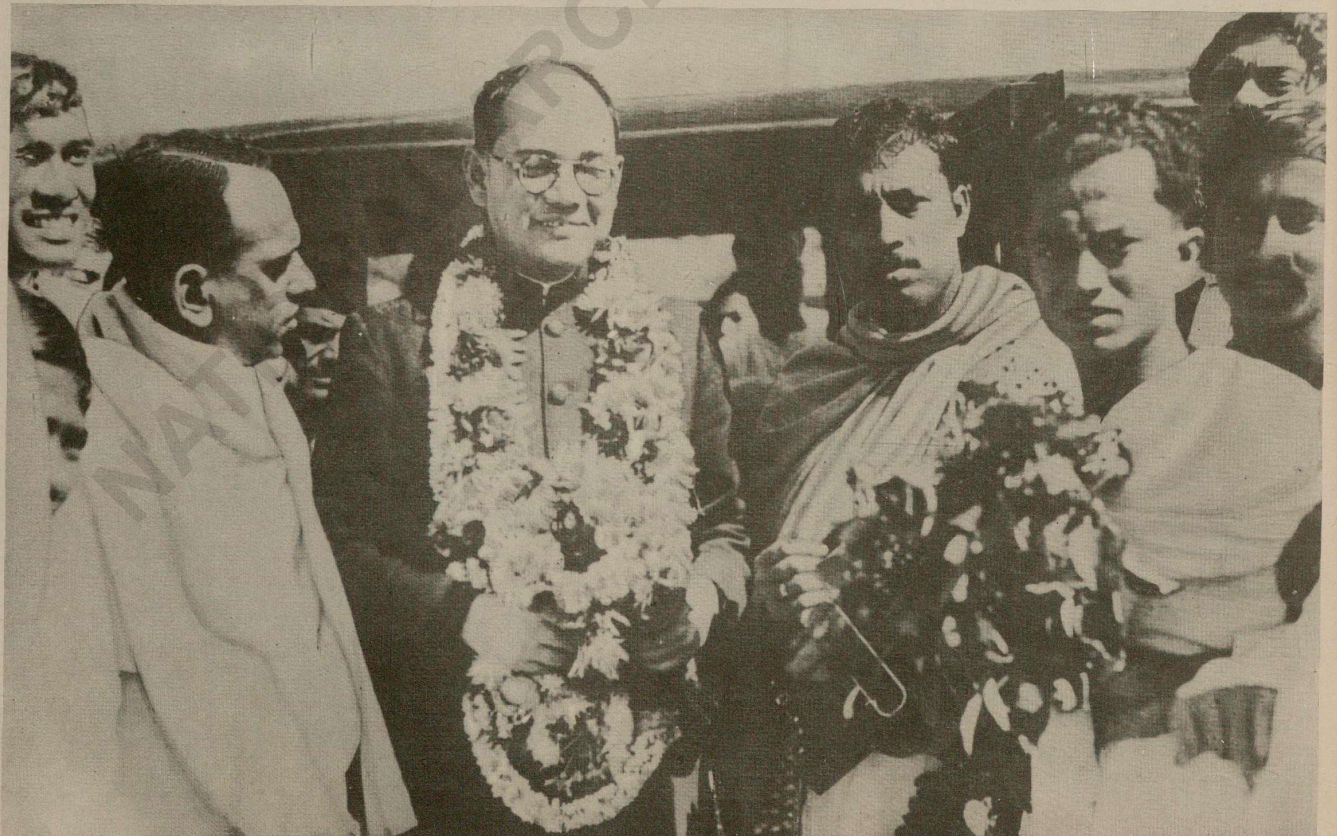
Top : Arrival in London, January 1938 Bottom : At a reception in London



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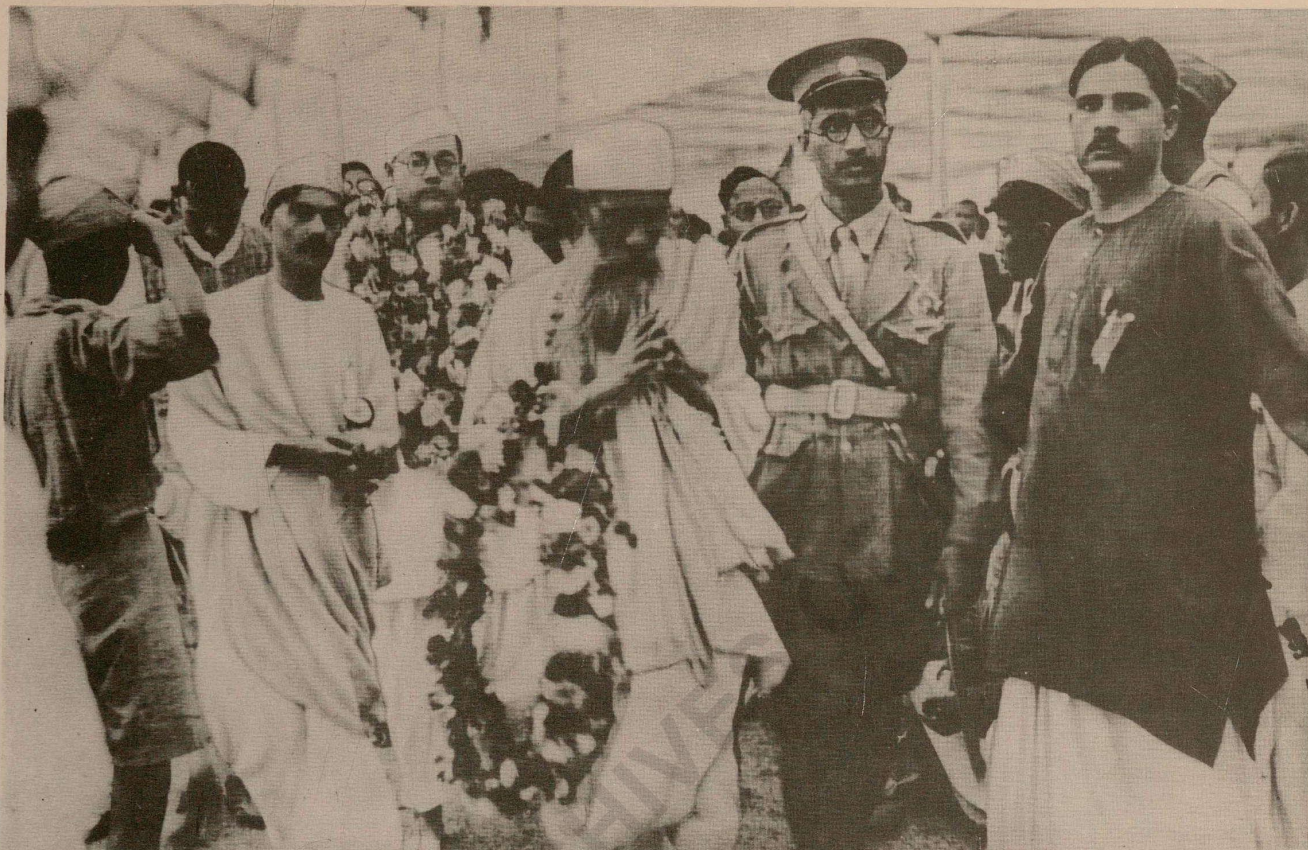
Top : Arrival at Dum Dum airport from Europe, January 1938 Bottom : Reception at the airport





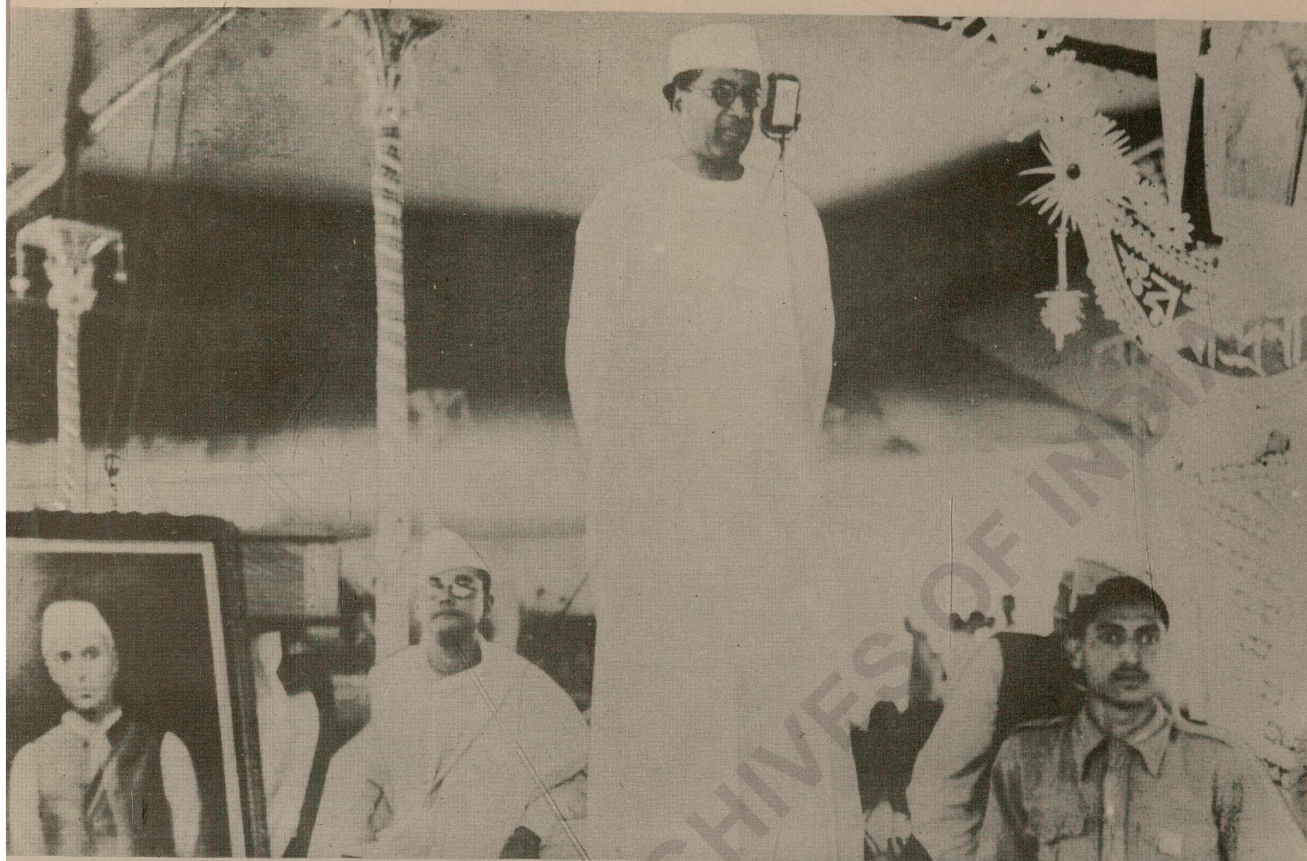
Bose returned to Calcutta in January 1938 as the President-elect of the Congress and thus began the peak period of his political career in India. In this picture he is seen with visitors from Japan

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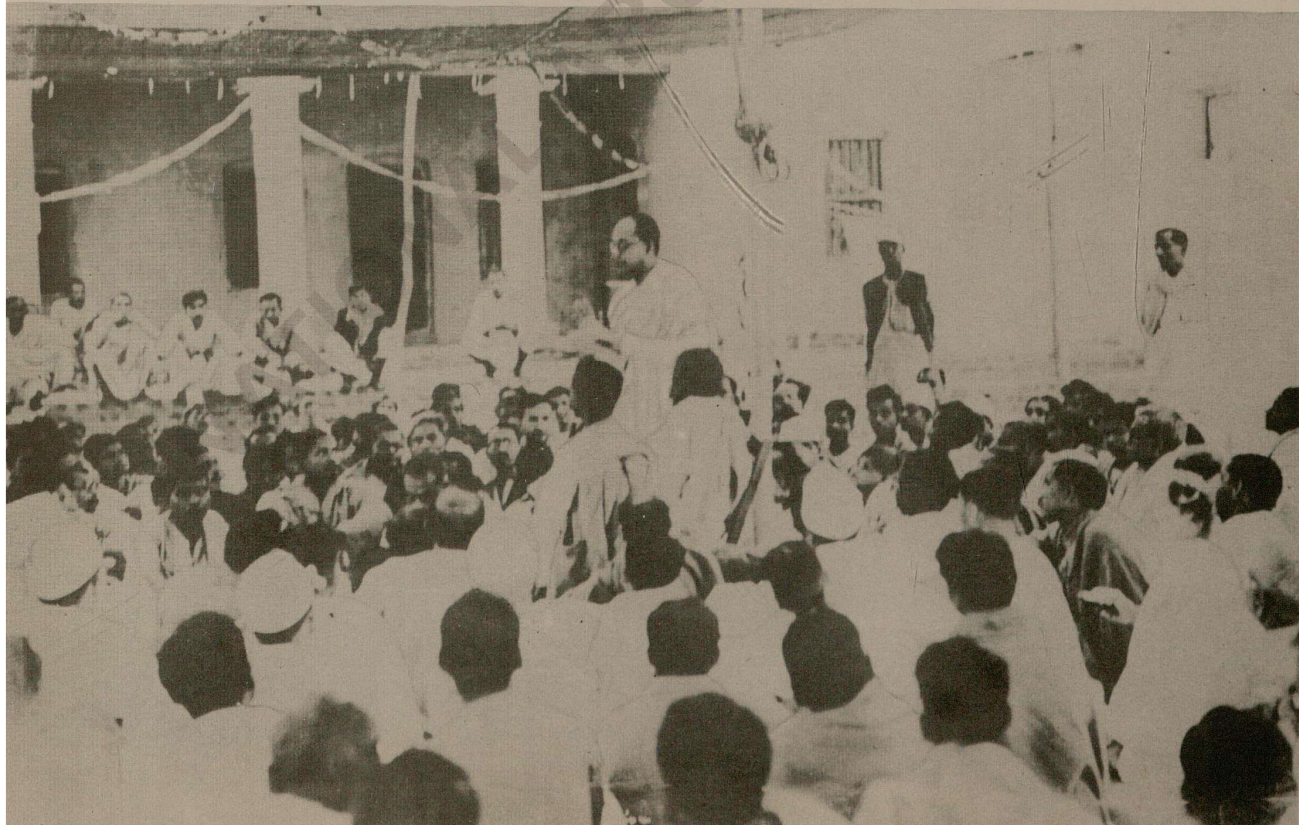


Top : Arriving at a political conference at Vishnupur, January 1938 Bottom : With M. N. Roy and Ellen Roy at Vishnupur





Top : M. N. Roy addressing the Vishnupur conference with Bose by his side Bottom : Subhas Chandra addressing the conference





Top : Flag-hoisting ceremony at Vishnupur Bottom : An interesting group photograph of political leaders and workers of Bengal with Sarojini Naidu



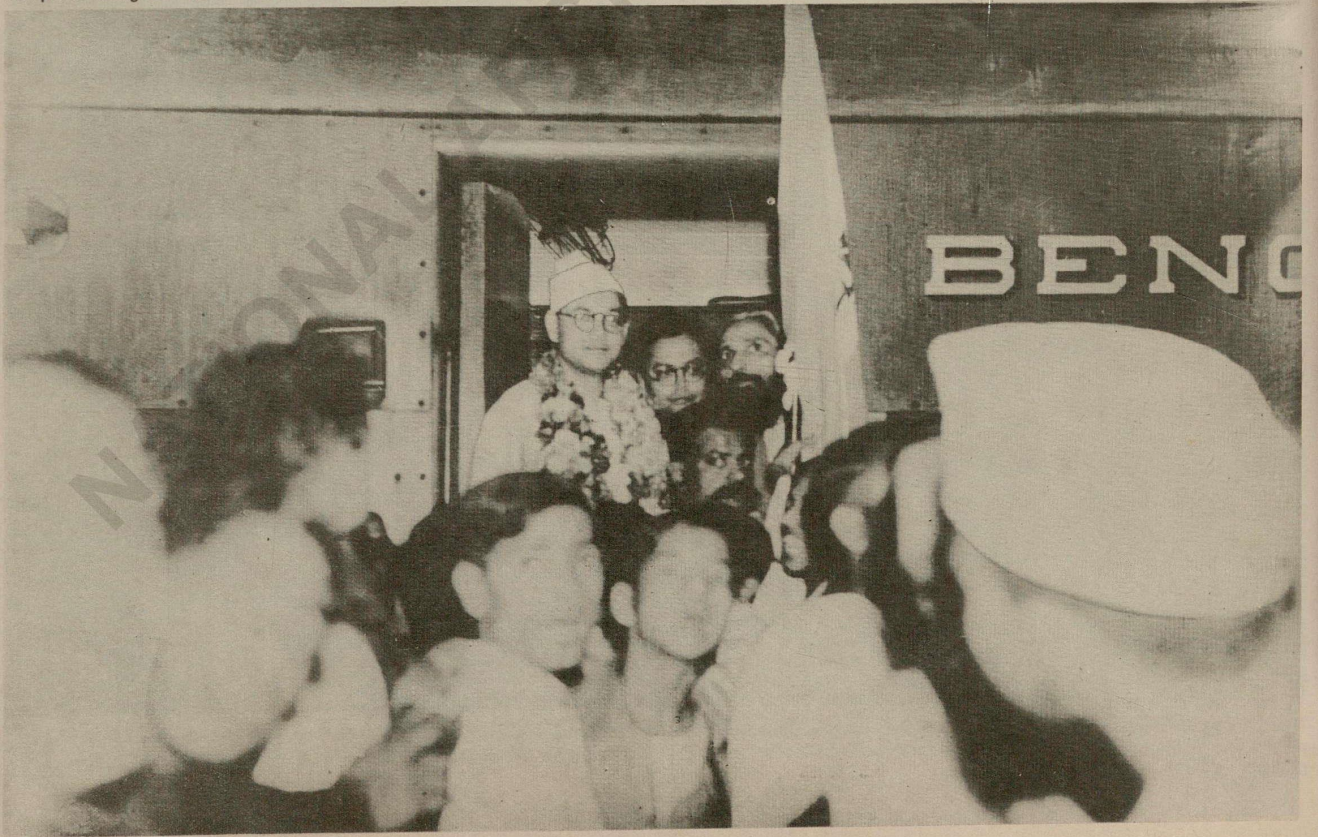


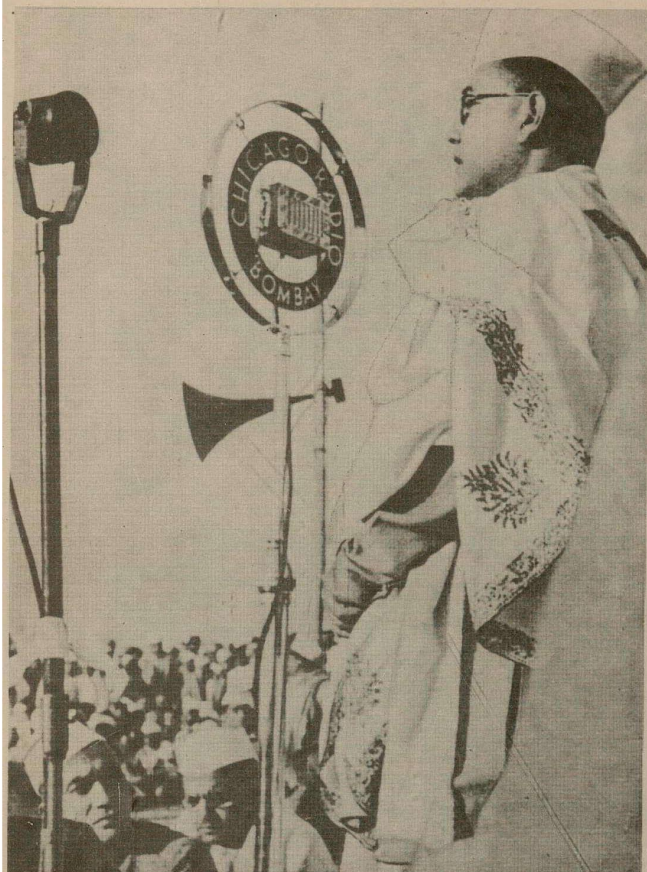
the Congress President At the age of forty-one, Subhas Chandra Bose became the RASHTRAPATI, literally meaning Head of State, and placed his political ideology, programme and plan of action before his people. An alternative leadership thus appeared on the Indian political horizon

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Top : Addressing a meeting in Calcutta's Town Hall demanding release of political prisoners, February 1938 Bottom : Leaving for the Haripur Congress from Howrah Station





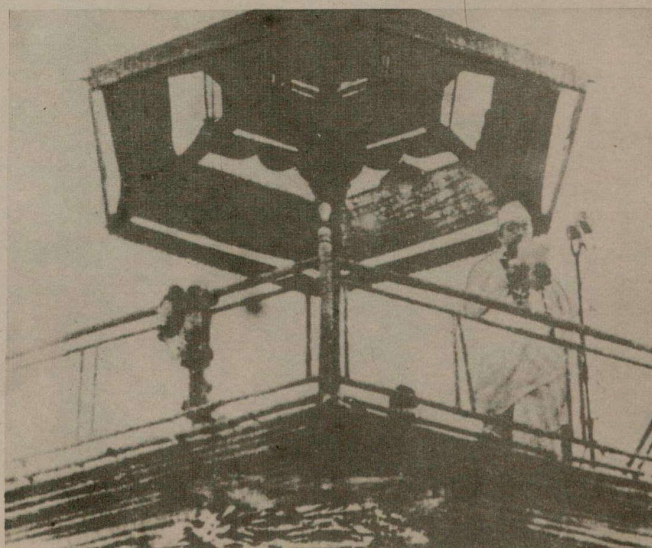
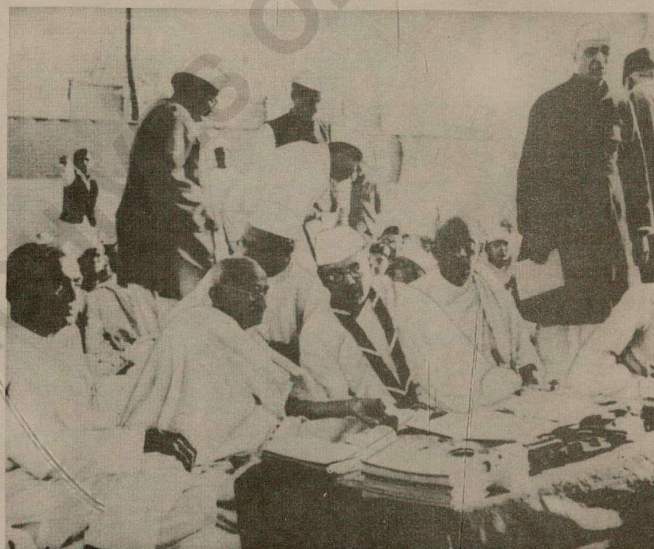
In a mammoth address at the Haripura Congress, Subhas Chandra surveyed the entire national and international scene, clearly indicated the lines of development of the national struggle against imperialism and drew the outlines of post-war national reconstruction on a socialist basis.

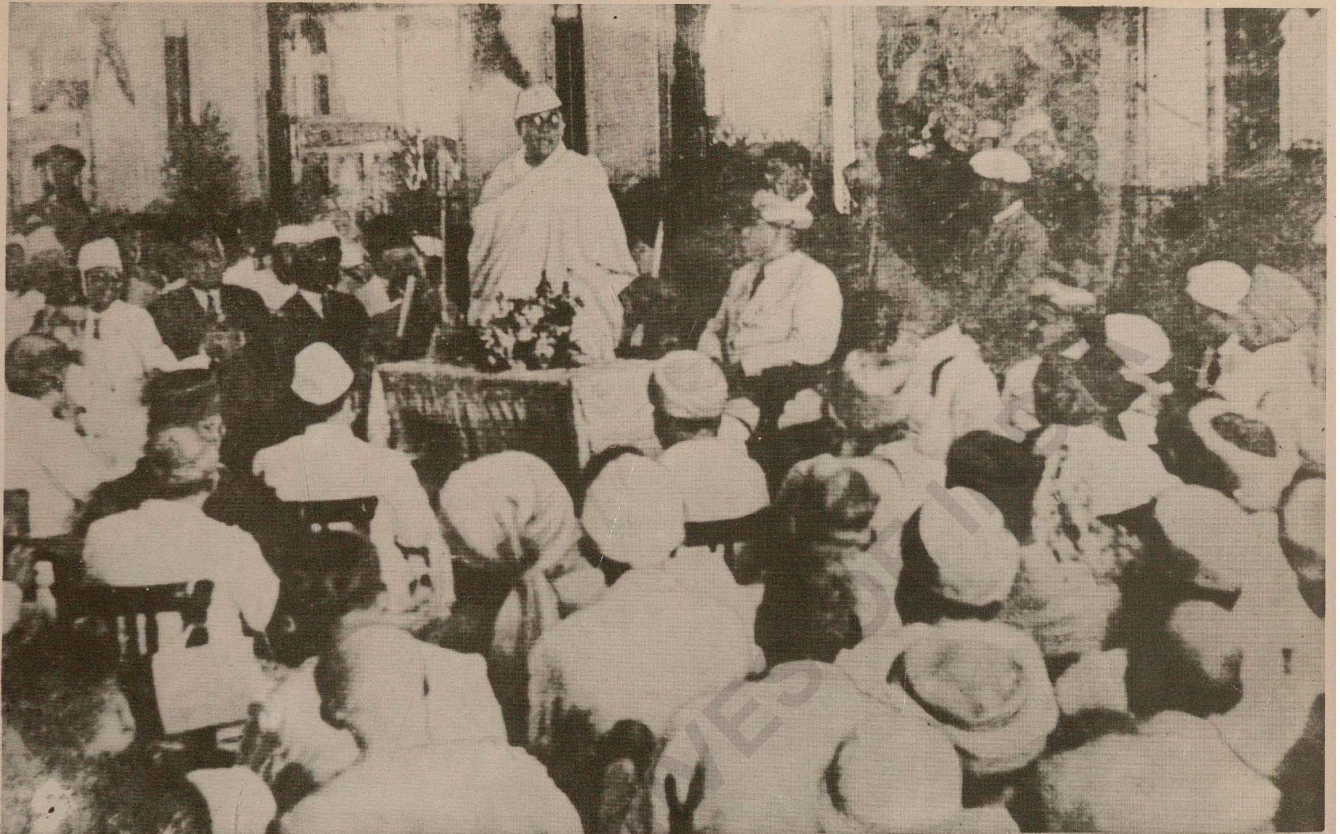
Top left : President inaugurating the exhibition

Bottom left : Outgoing President installing the new President

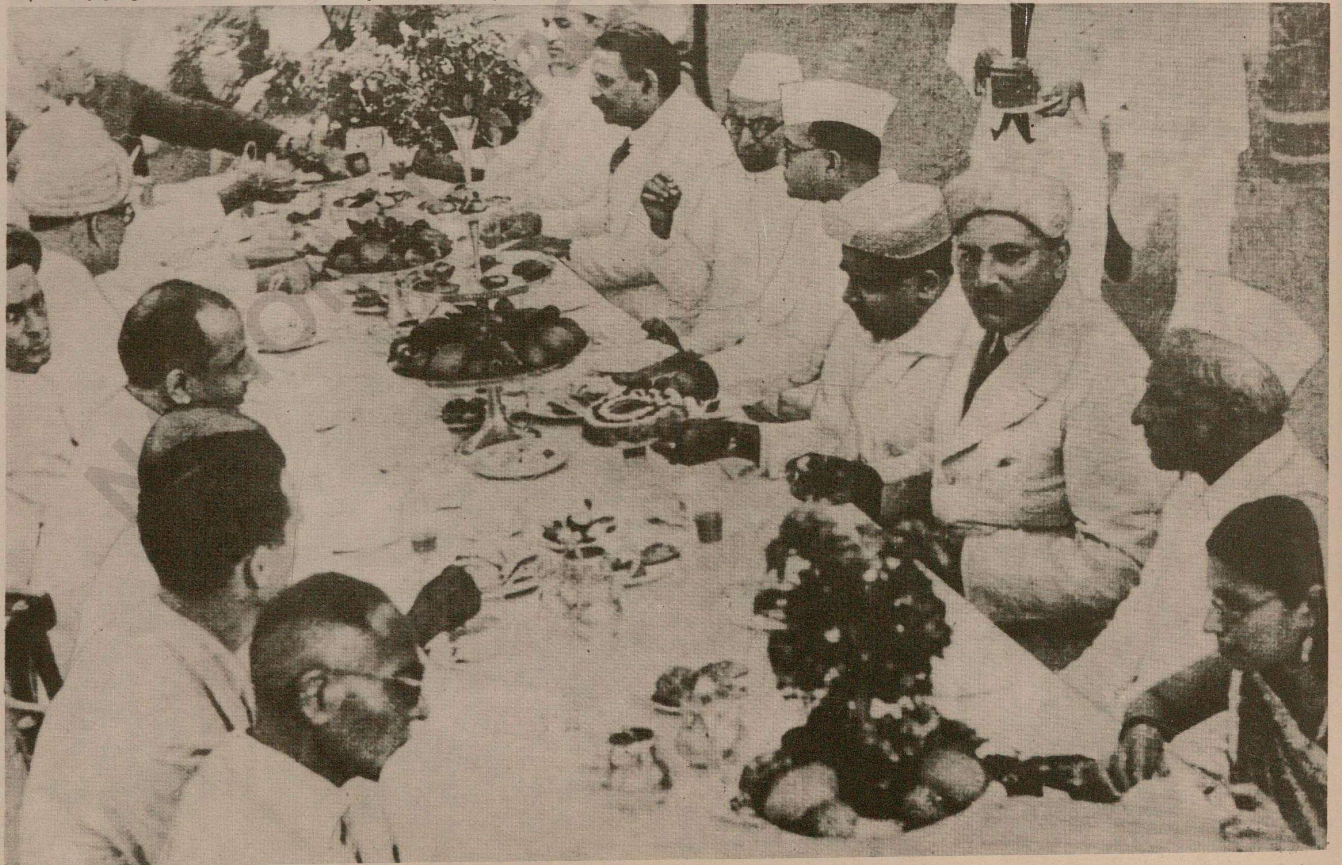
Top right : At the open session with Gandhiji and other leaders

Bottom right : Delivering the presidential address

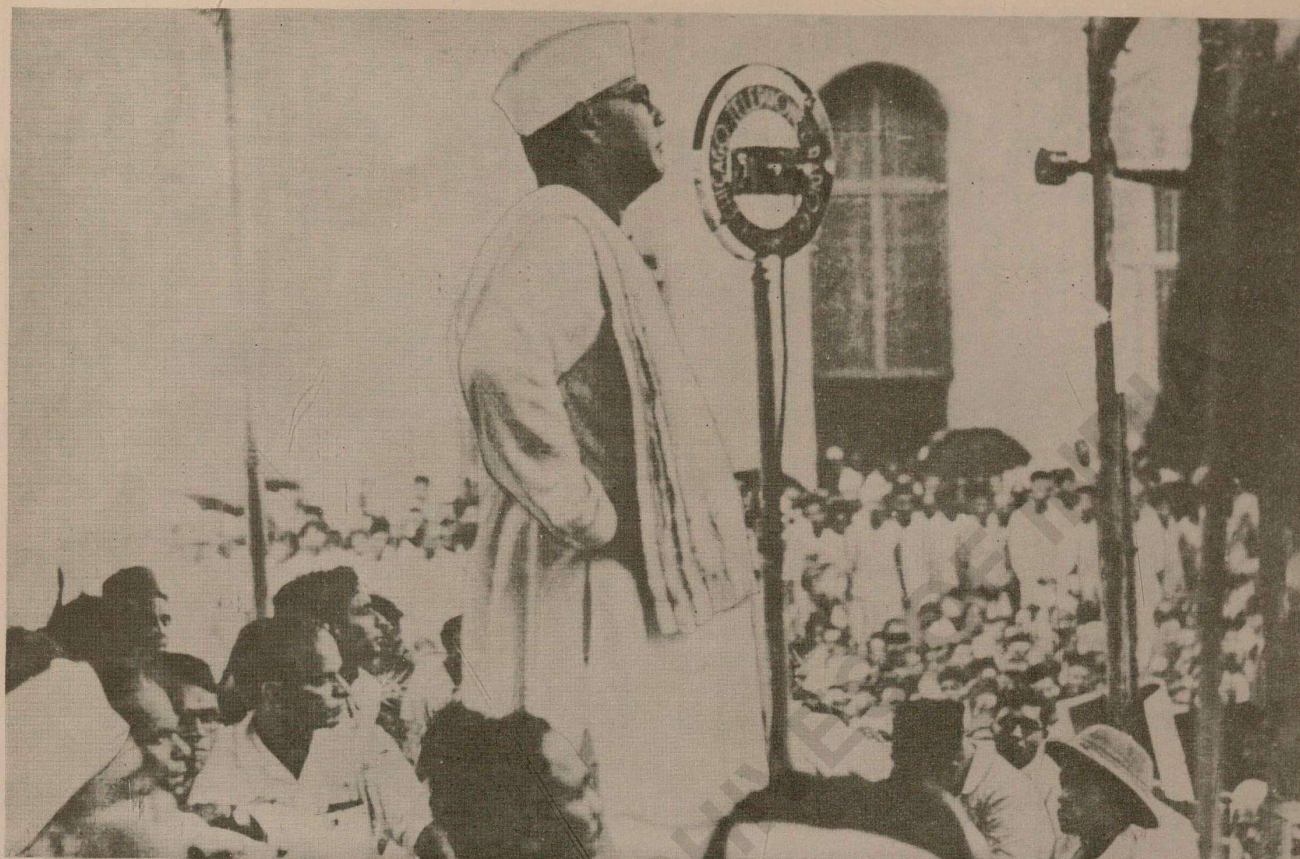




Top : Replying to a civic reception by the Bombay Municipal Corporation Bottom : At a party hosted by the Mayor of Bombay



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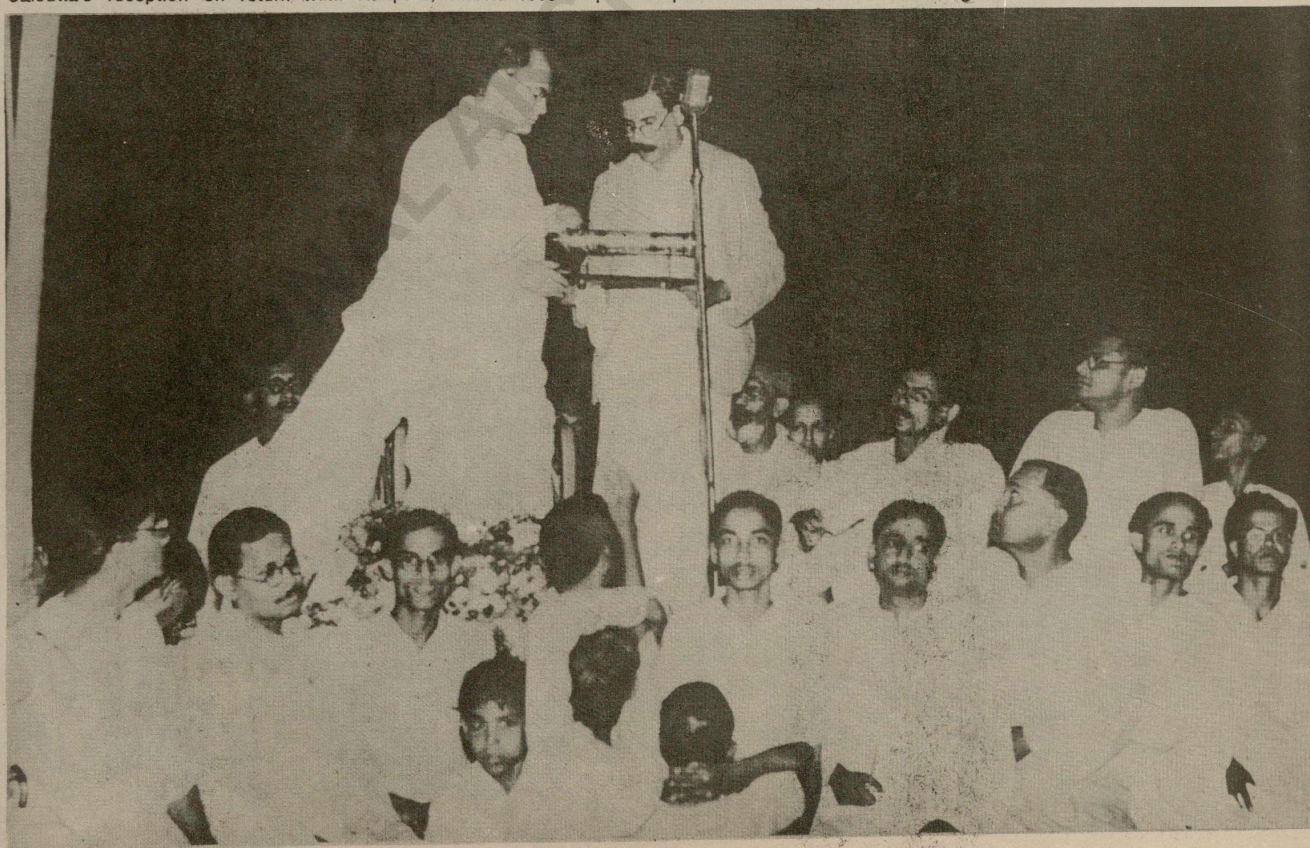
Top : Speaking at a workers' meeting in Bombay · Bottom : The gathering listening in torrential rain



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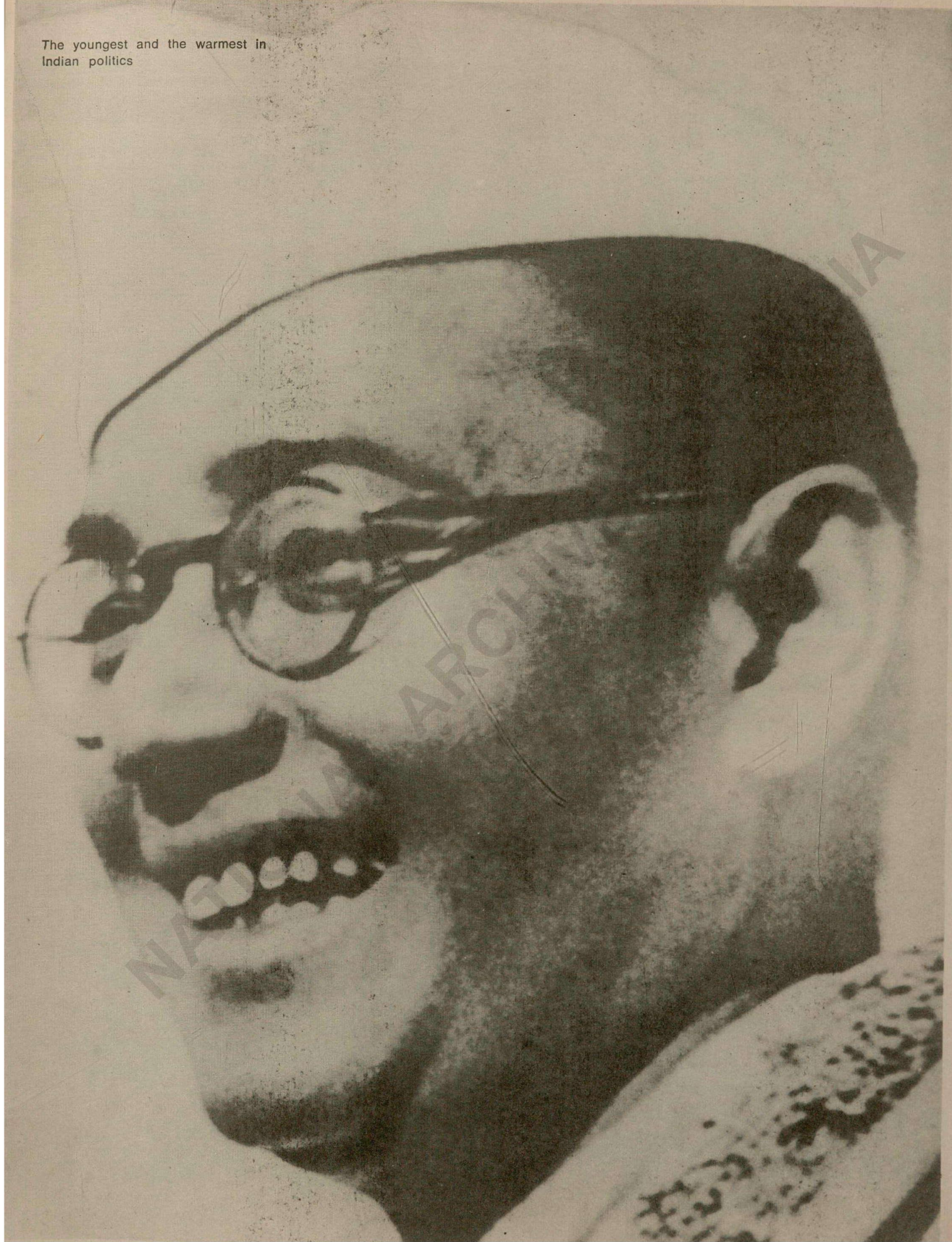


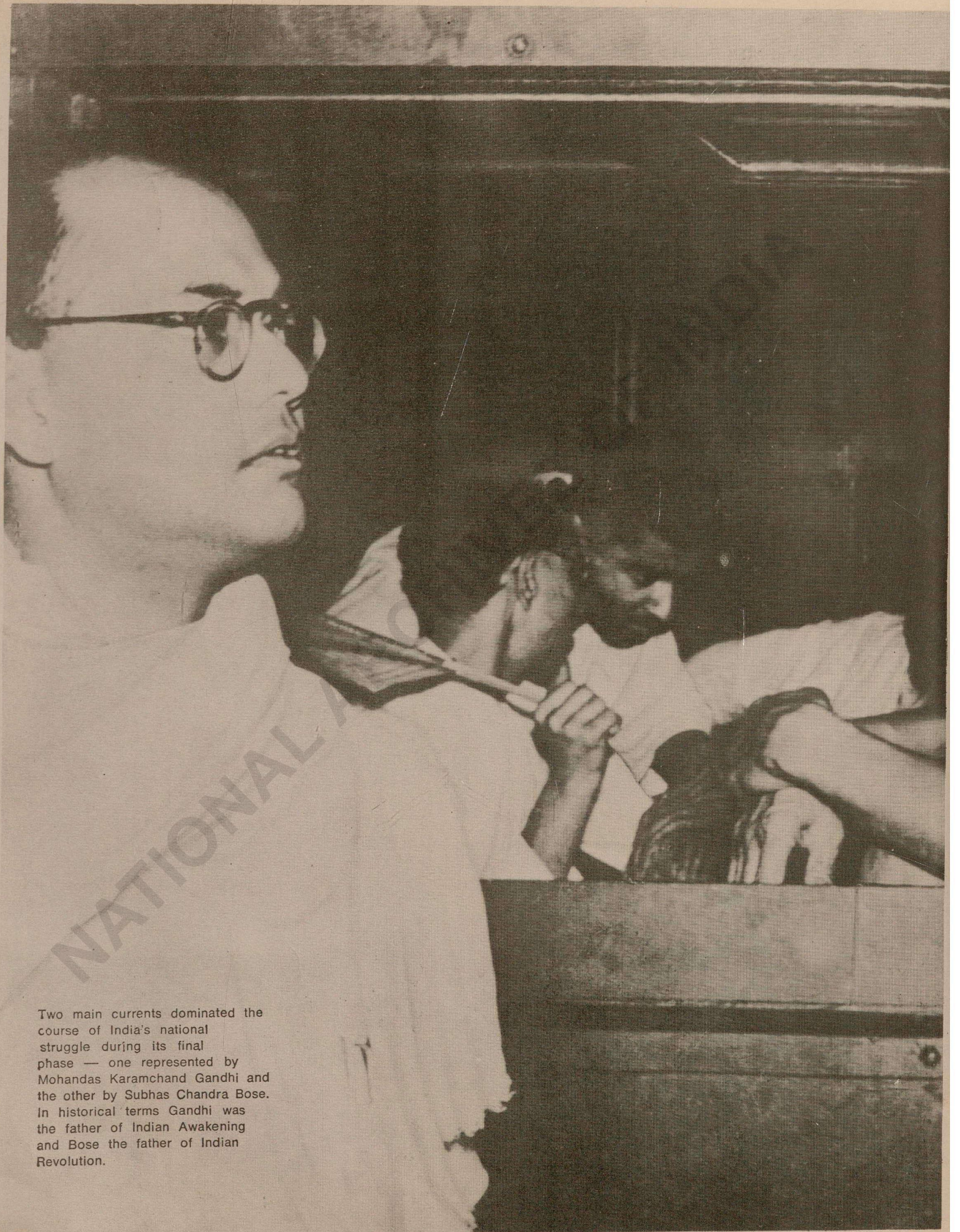
Calcutta's reception on return from Haripura, March 1938 Top: The procession Bottom: The meeting



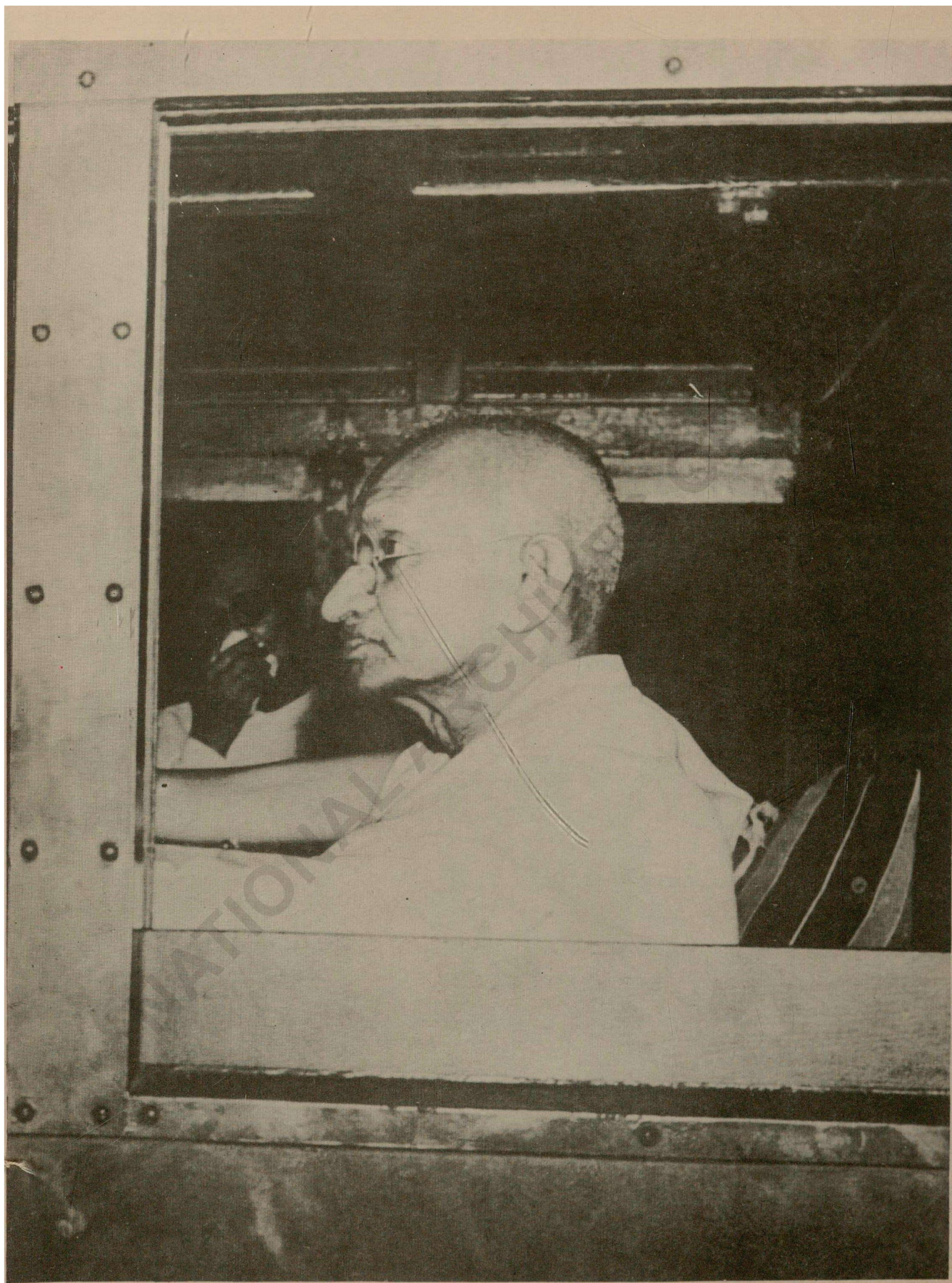
The youngest and the warmest in
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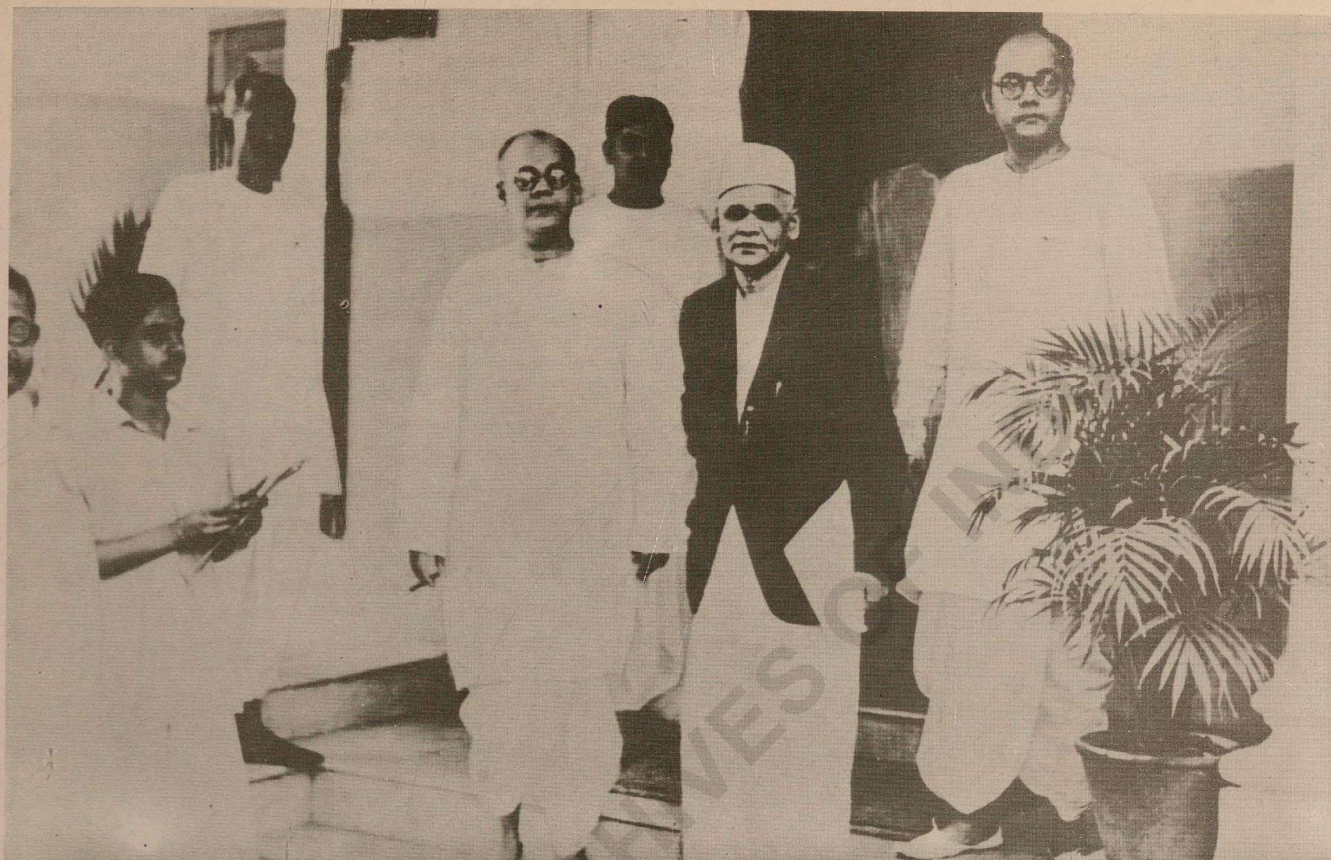




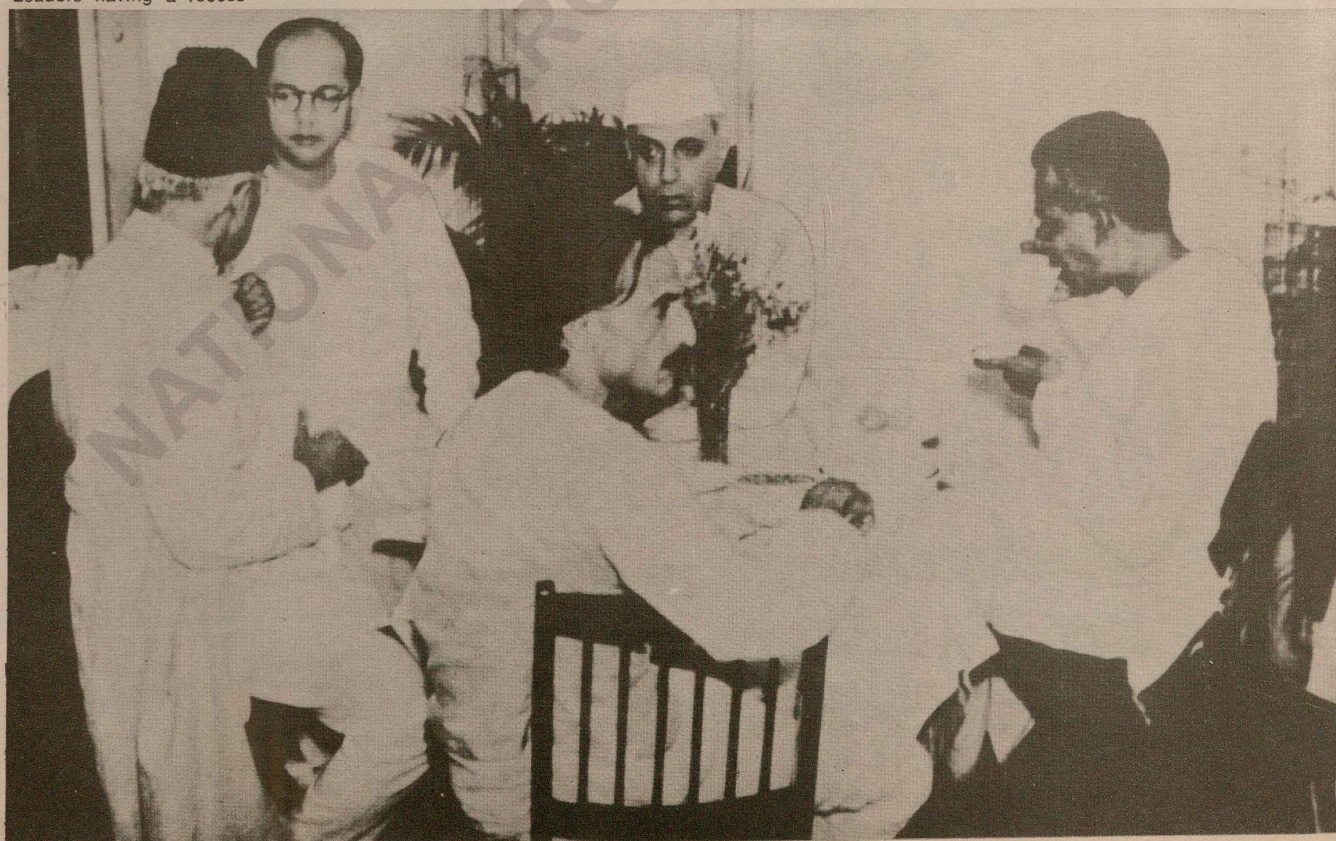
Two main currents dominated the course of India's national struggle during its final phase — one represented by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and the other by Subhas Chandra Bose. In historical terms Gandhi was the father of Indian Awakening and Bose the father of Indian Revolution.



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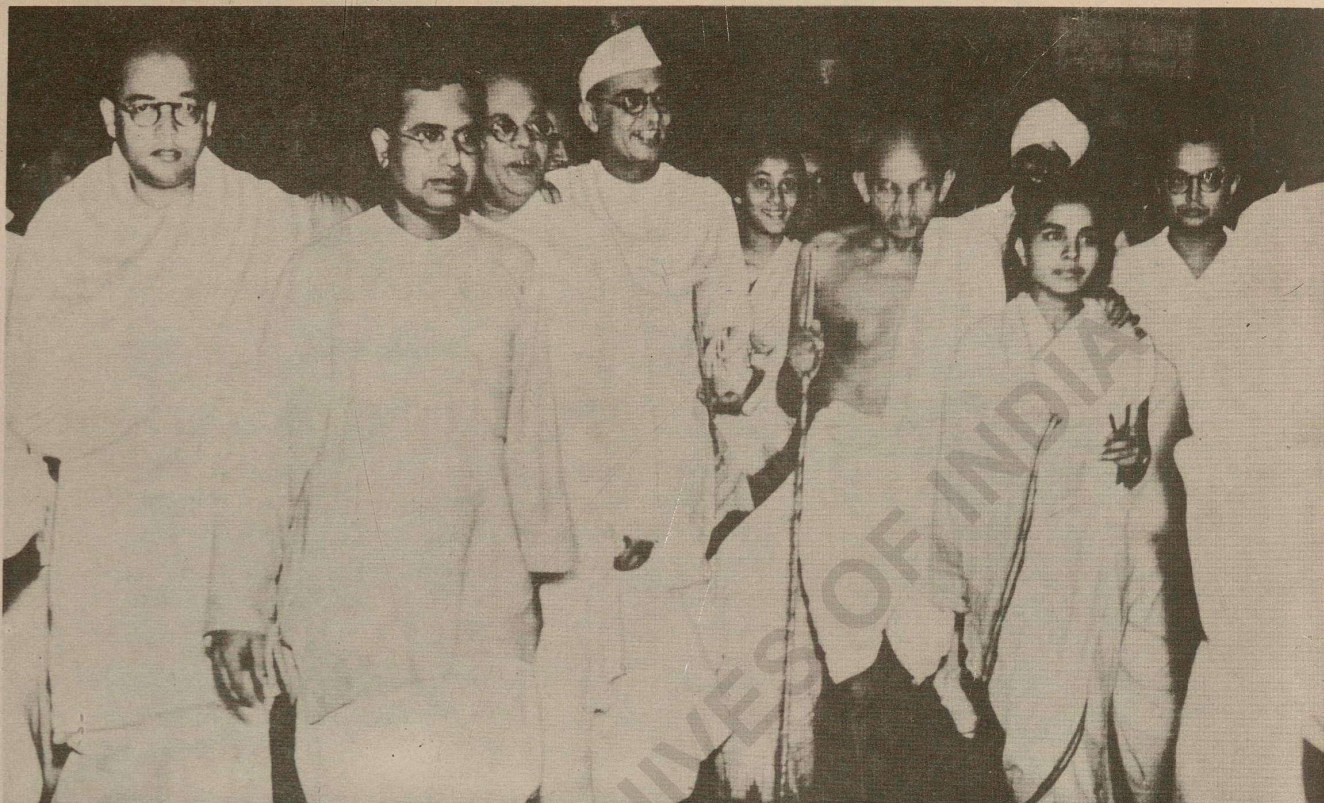


Top : Sarat Bose, N. B. Khare and Subhas Bose at 38/2, Elgin Road during a Congress Working Committee meeting, April 1938 Bottom : Leaders having a recess

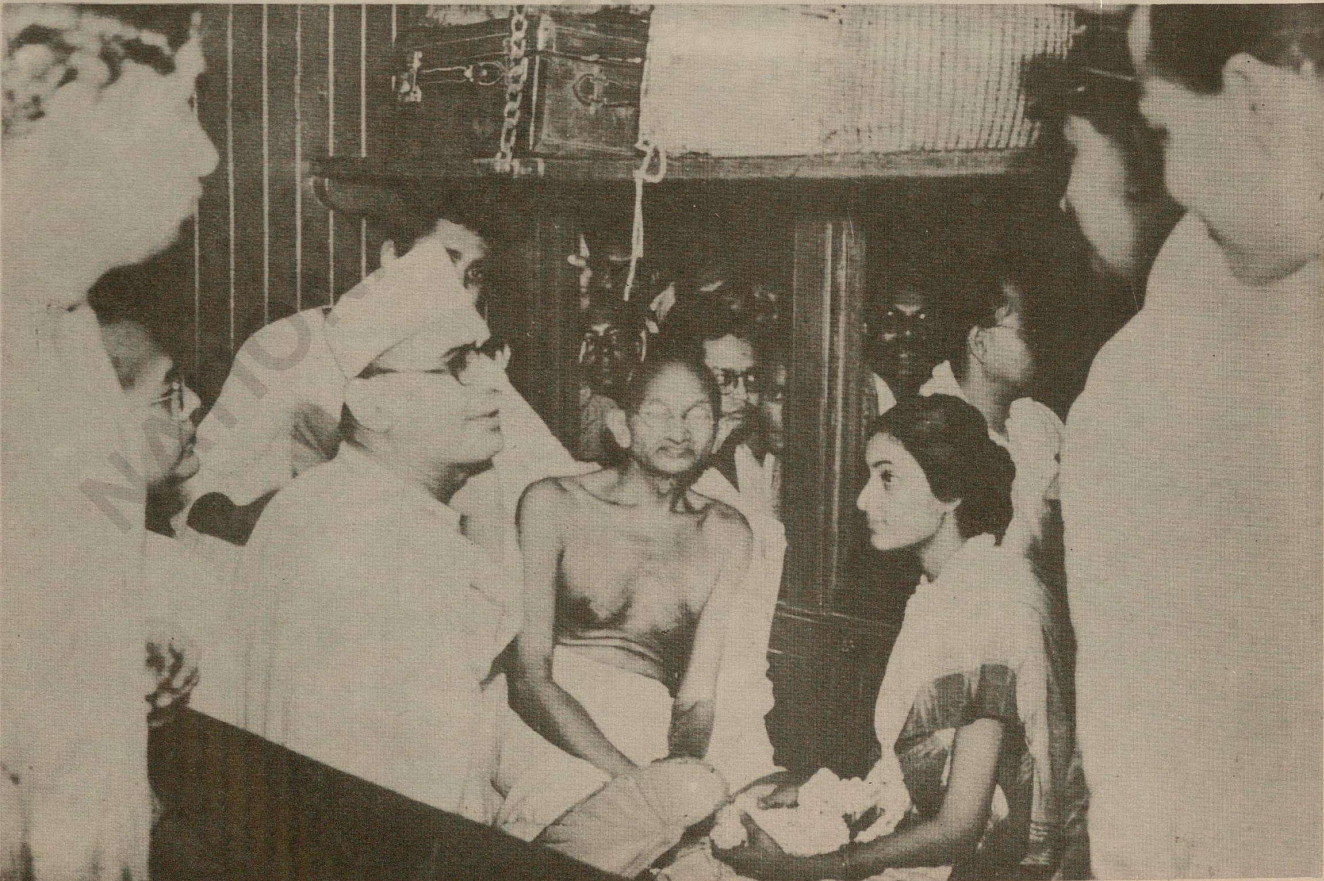




Congress Working Committee at 38/2, Elgin Road, April 1938
Left to right : Harekrushna Mahtab, Sarat Chandra Bose, Jalramdas
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Nehru, Vallabhbhai Patel, Abul Kalam Azad and J. B. Kripalani

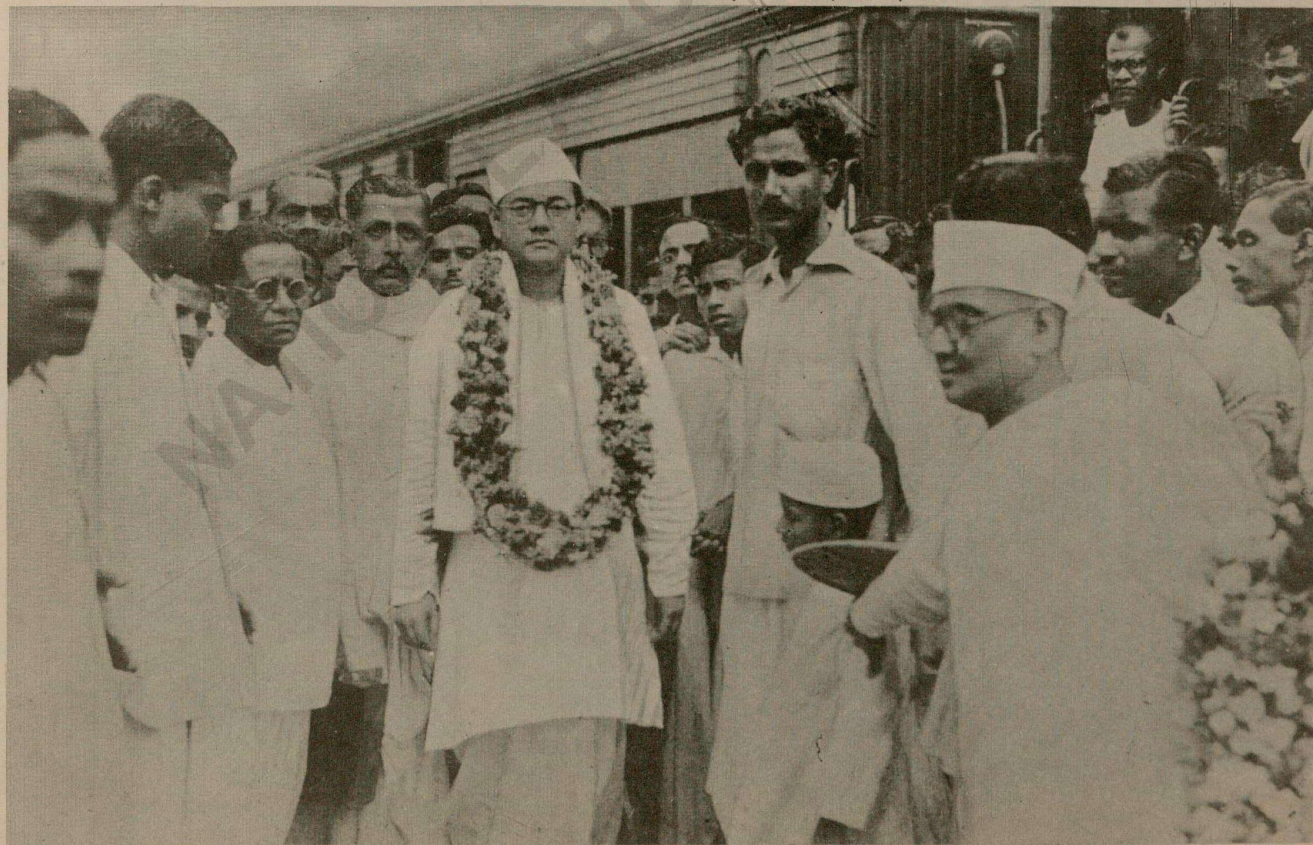


Bose Brothers seeing Gandhiji off at Howrah Station Top : On the platform Bottom : Inside the compartment





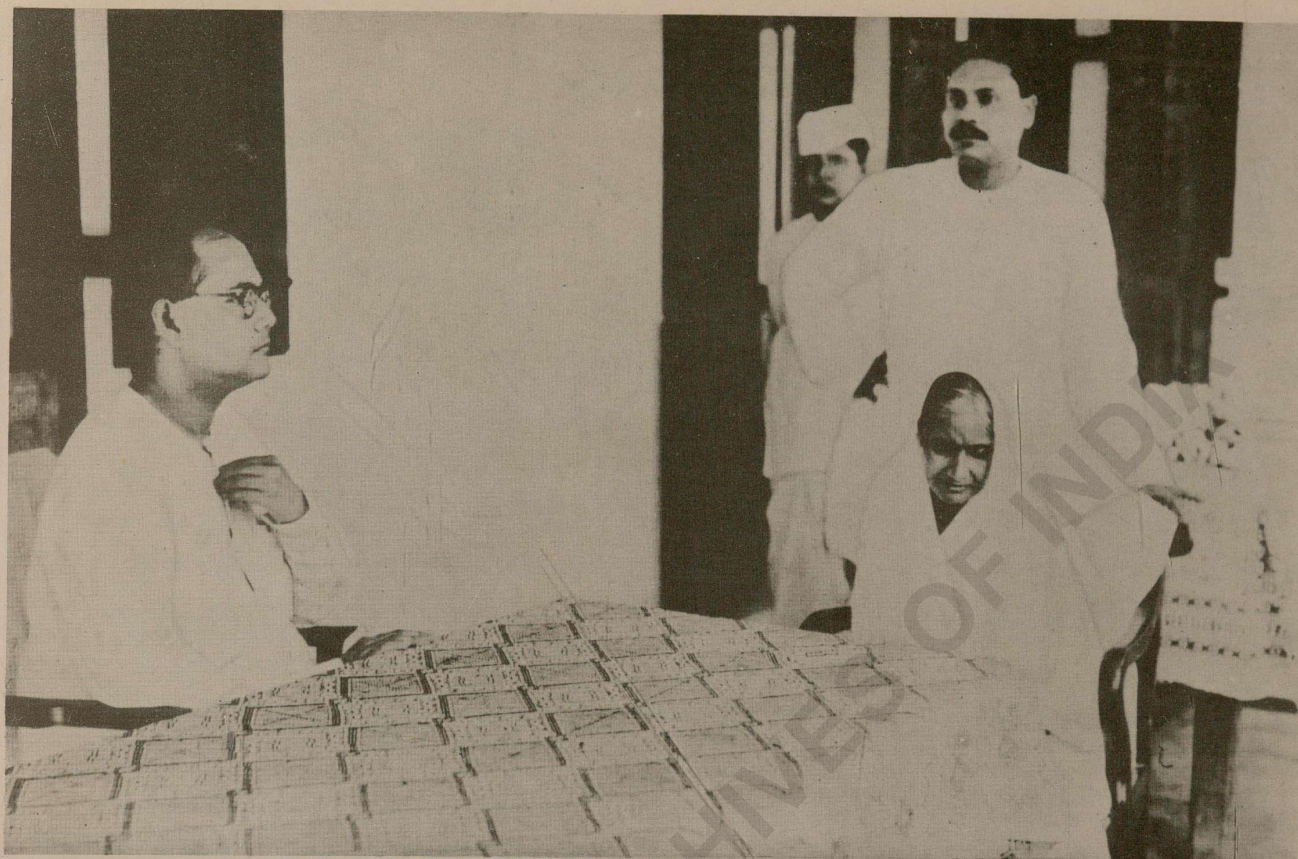
Top : Reception at the Sikh **Gurdwara** in South Calcutta Bottom : On the way to Midnapore, April 1938



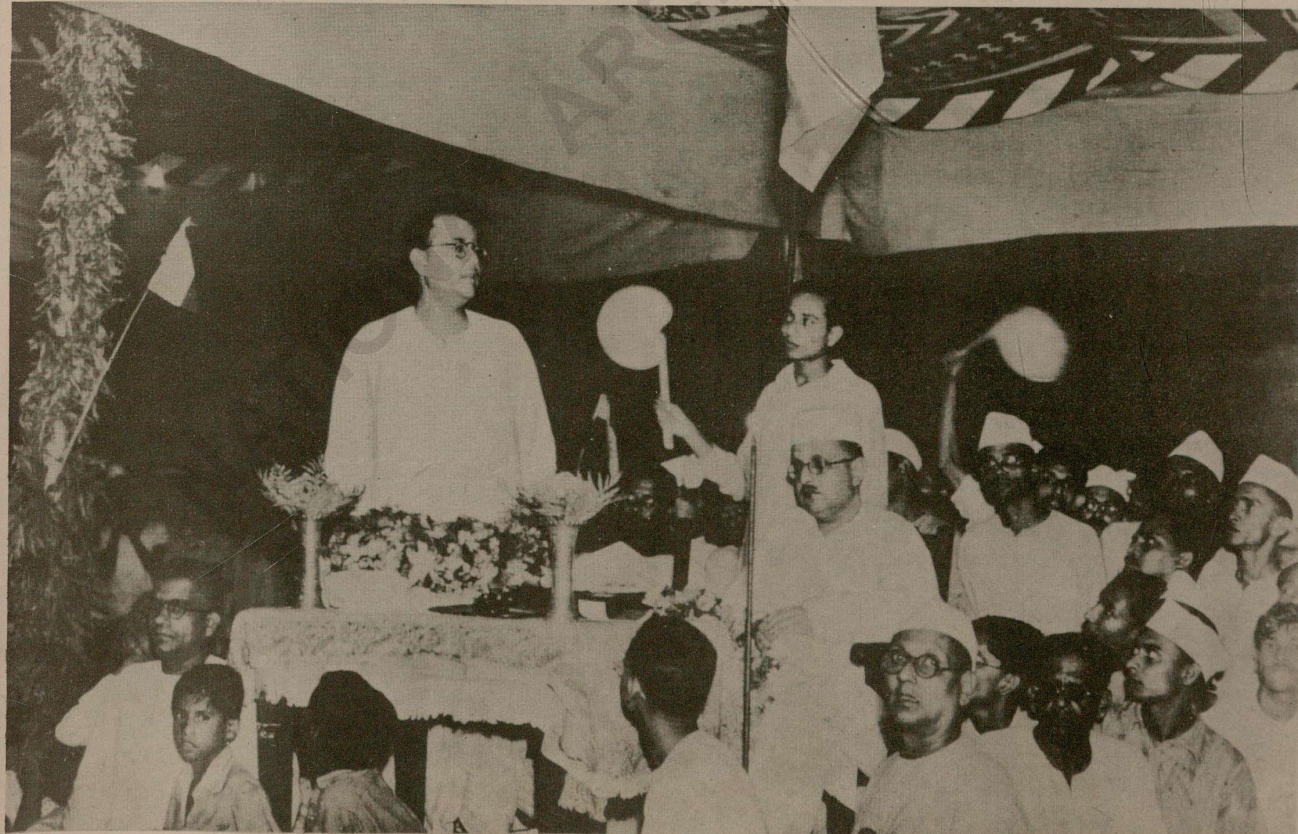


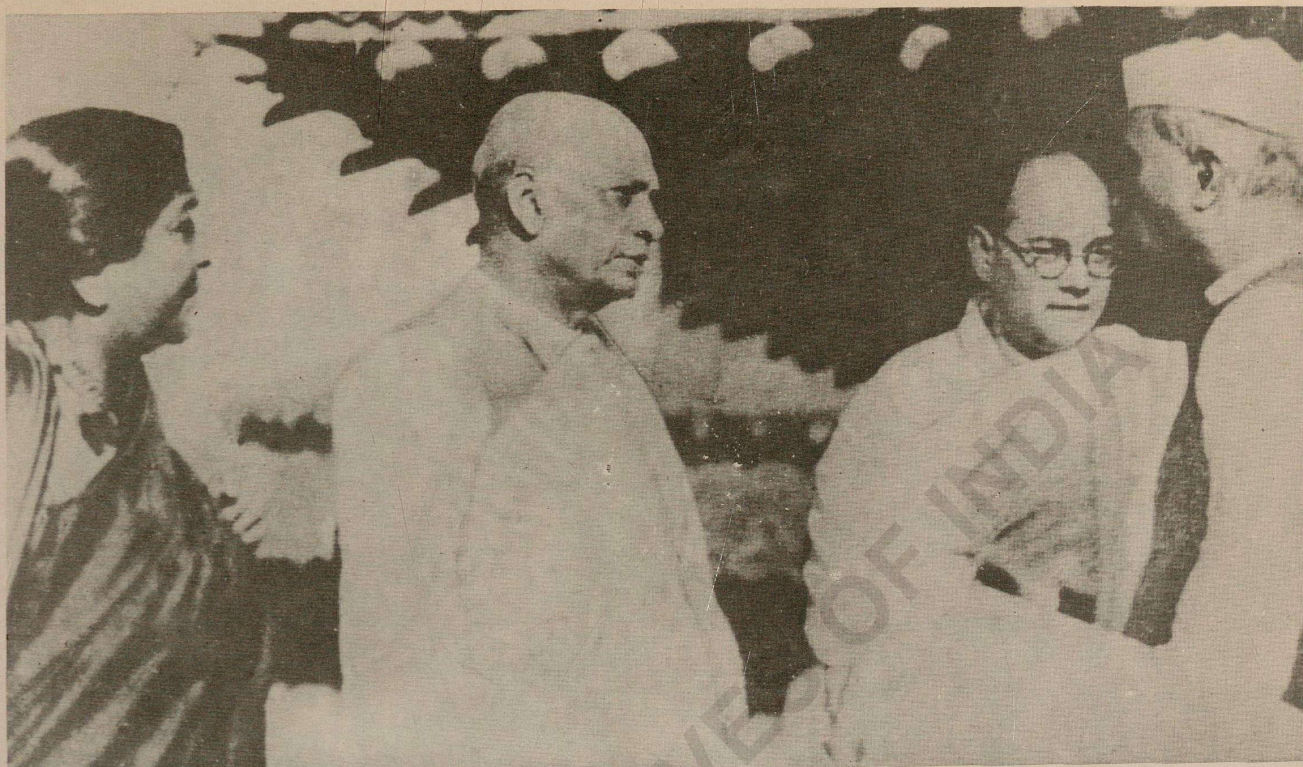
Top : Presidential procession entering Midnapore Bottom : With veteran Congress leaders of Tamluk





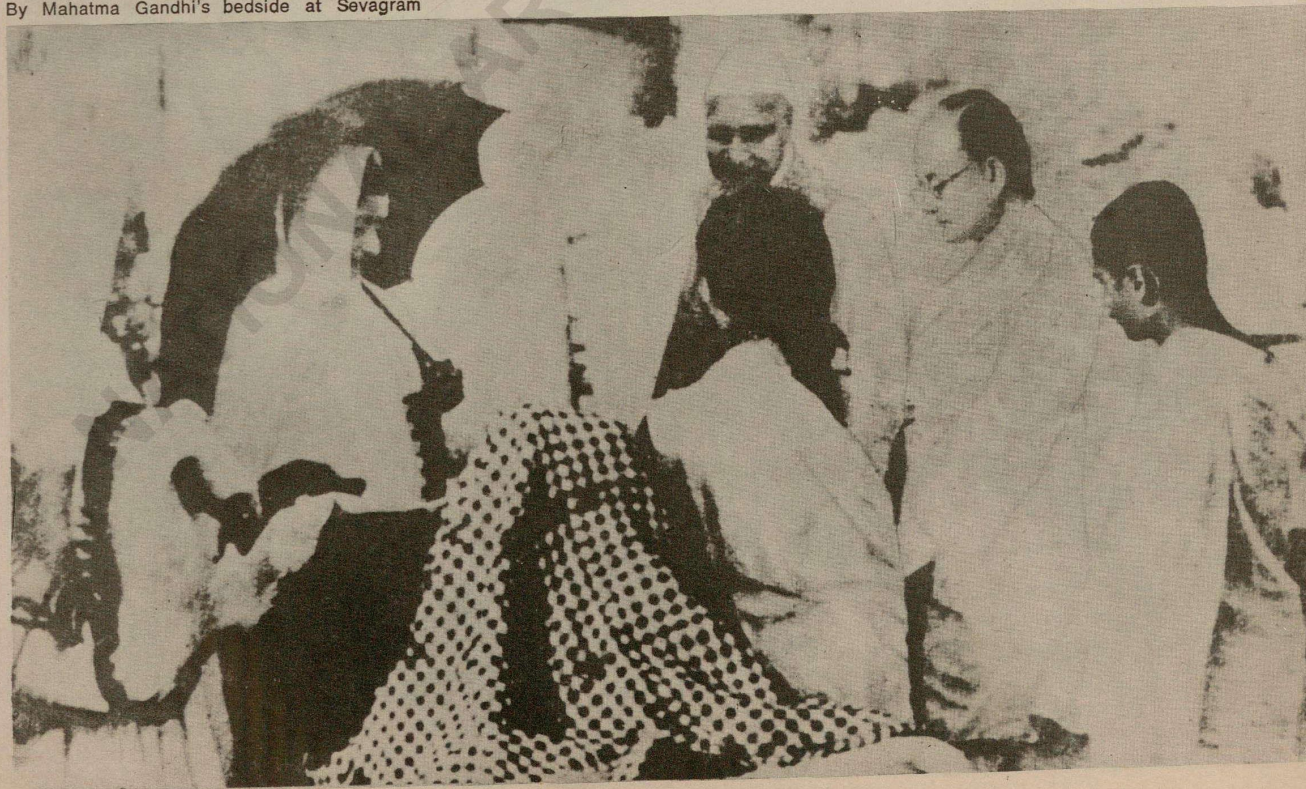
Top : In discussion with an old lady at Contai. Bottom : Replying to a reception given by Debendralal Khan of Narajole





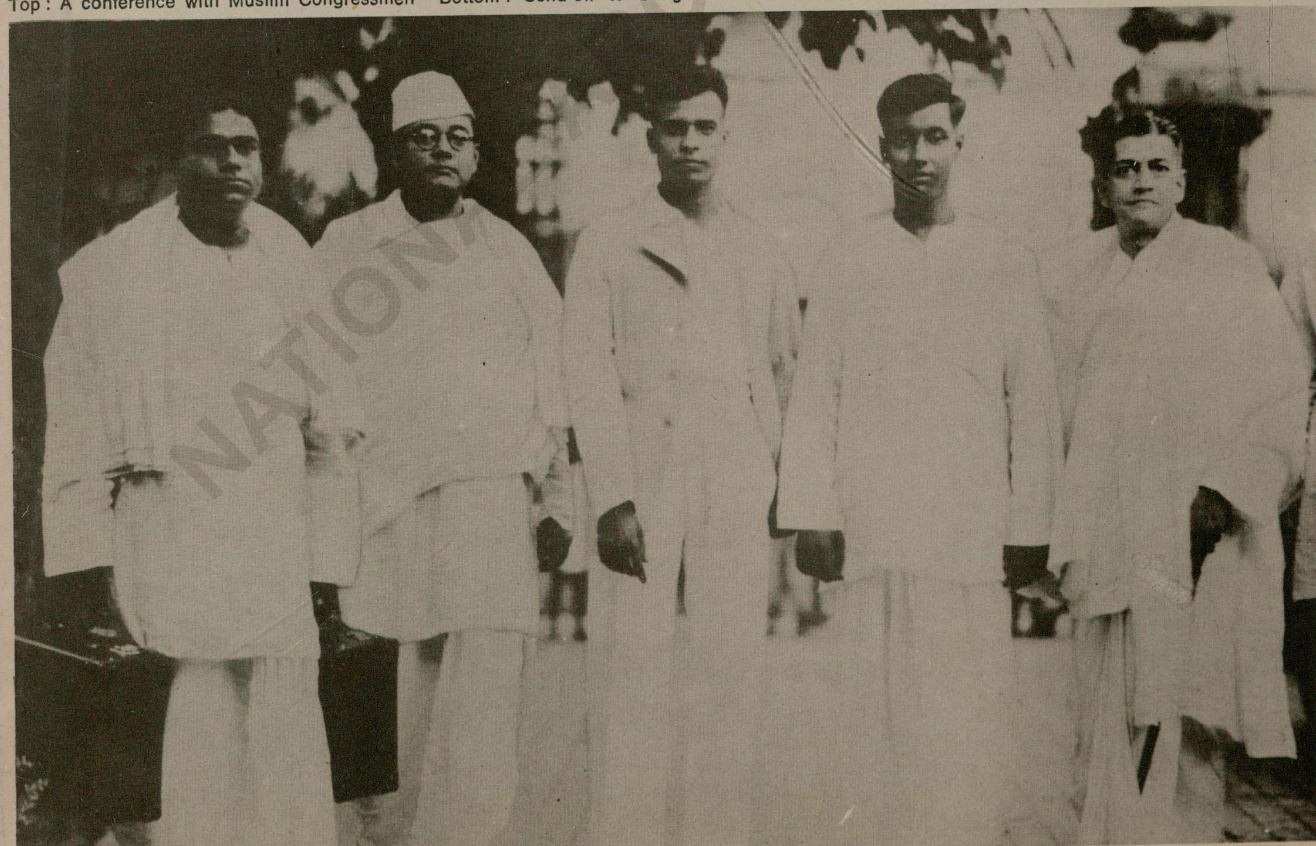
In conference, with Sarojini Naidu, Patel and Nehru at Wardha, 1938

By Mahatma Gandhi's bedside at Sevagram



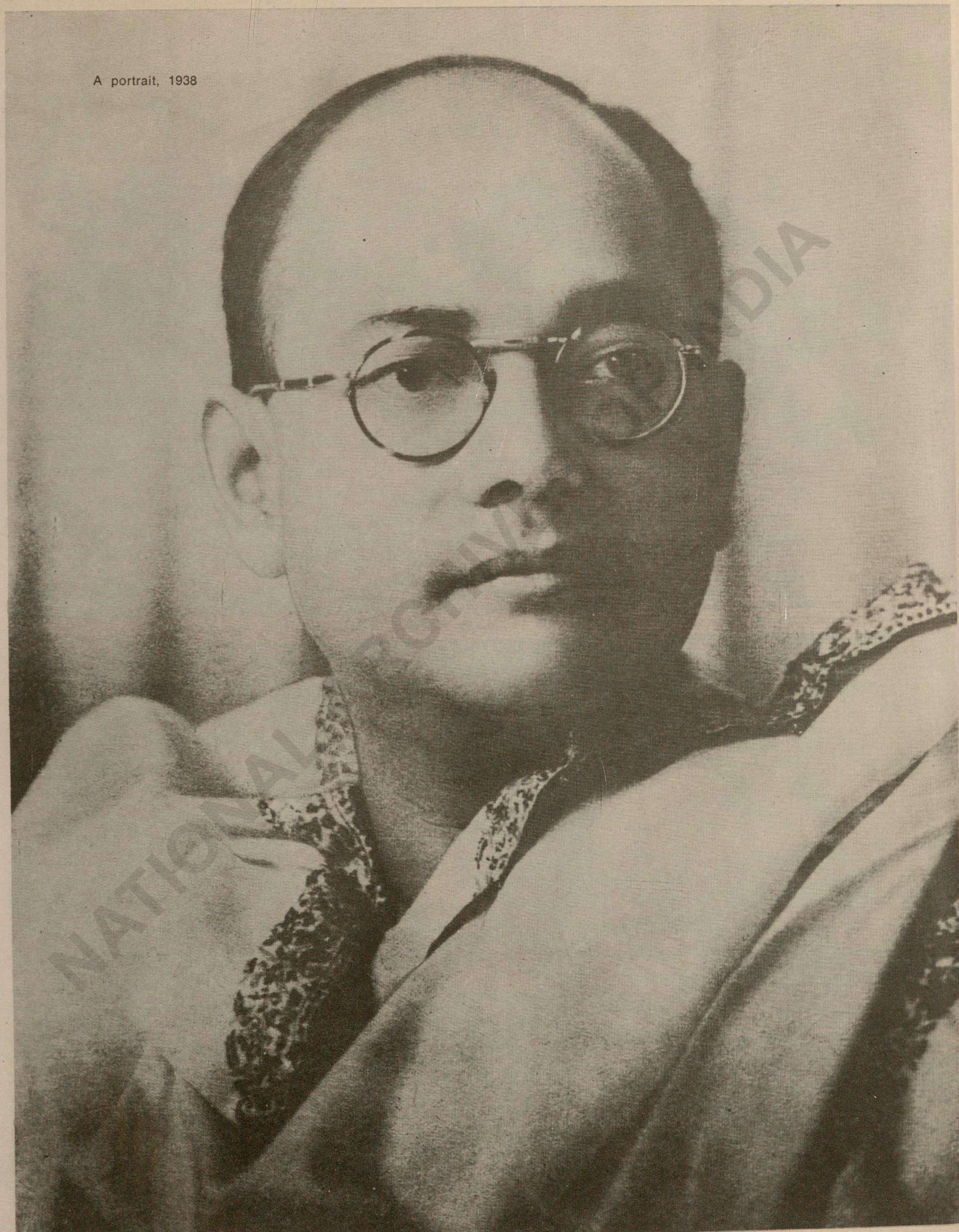


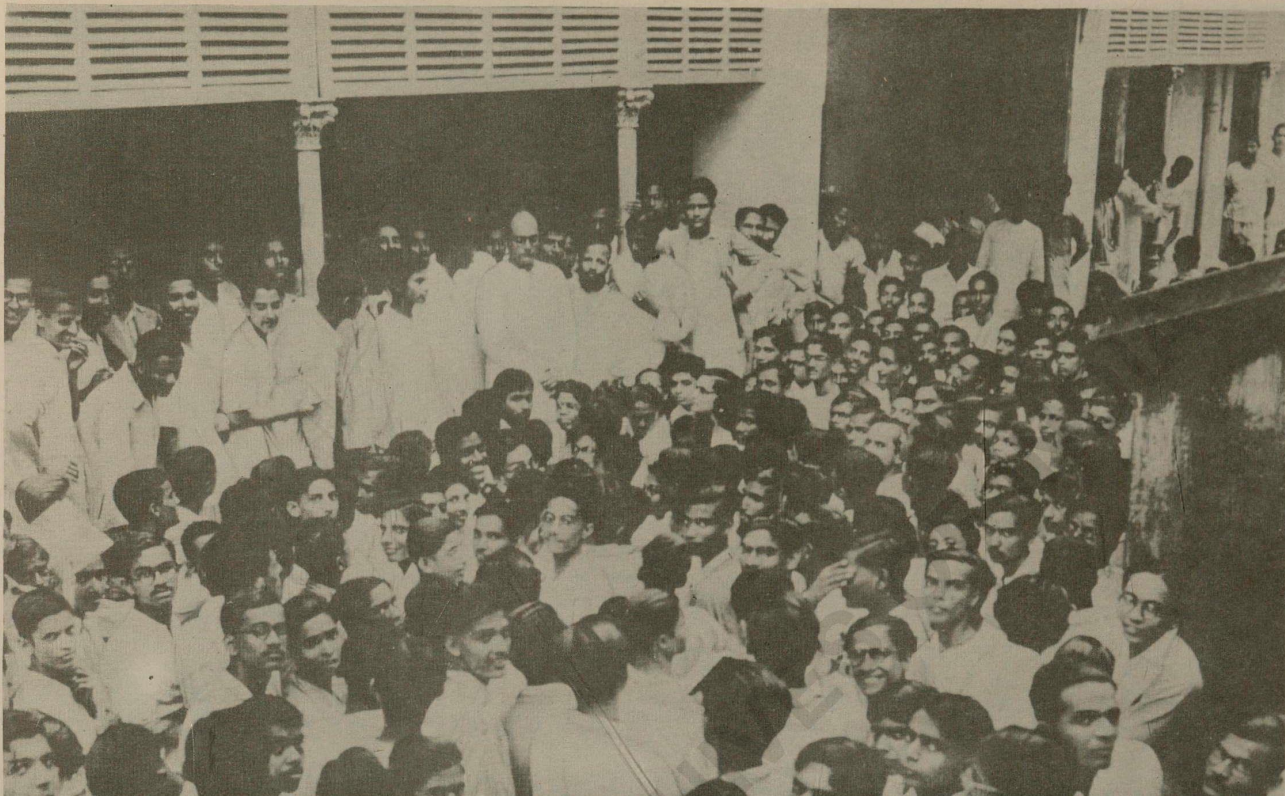
Top : A conference with Muslim Congressmen Bottom : Send-off to Congress Medical Mission to China, August 1938



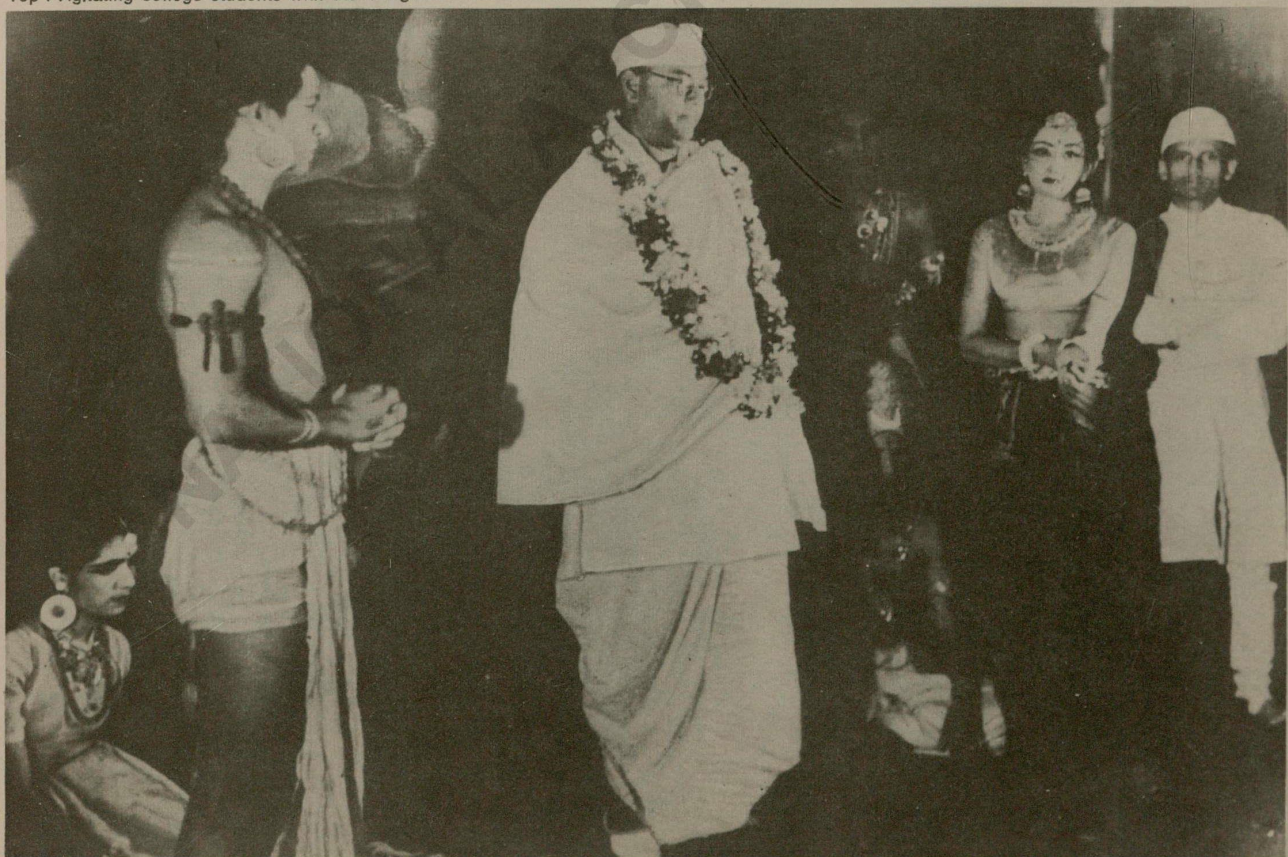
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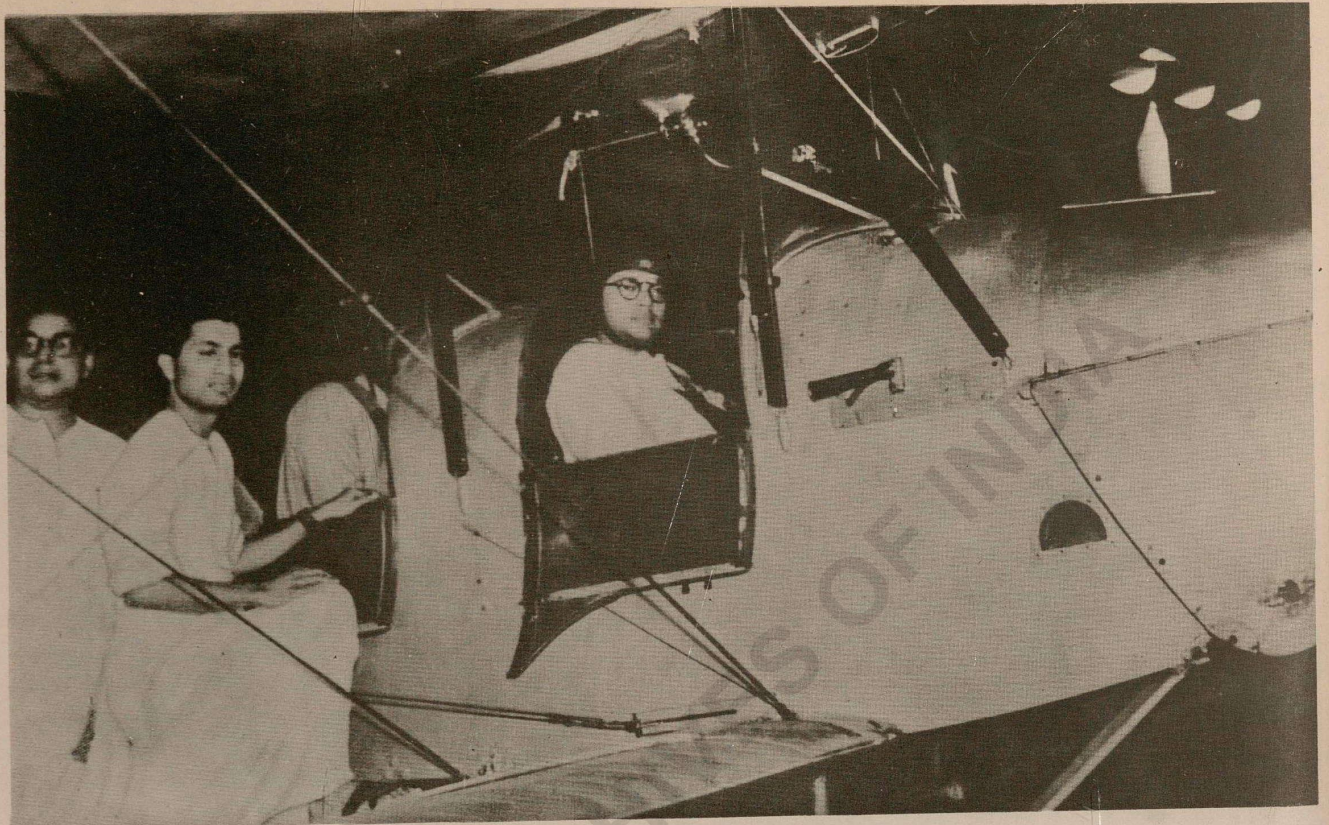
A portrait, 1938



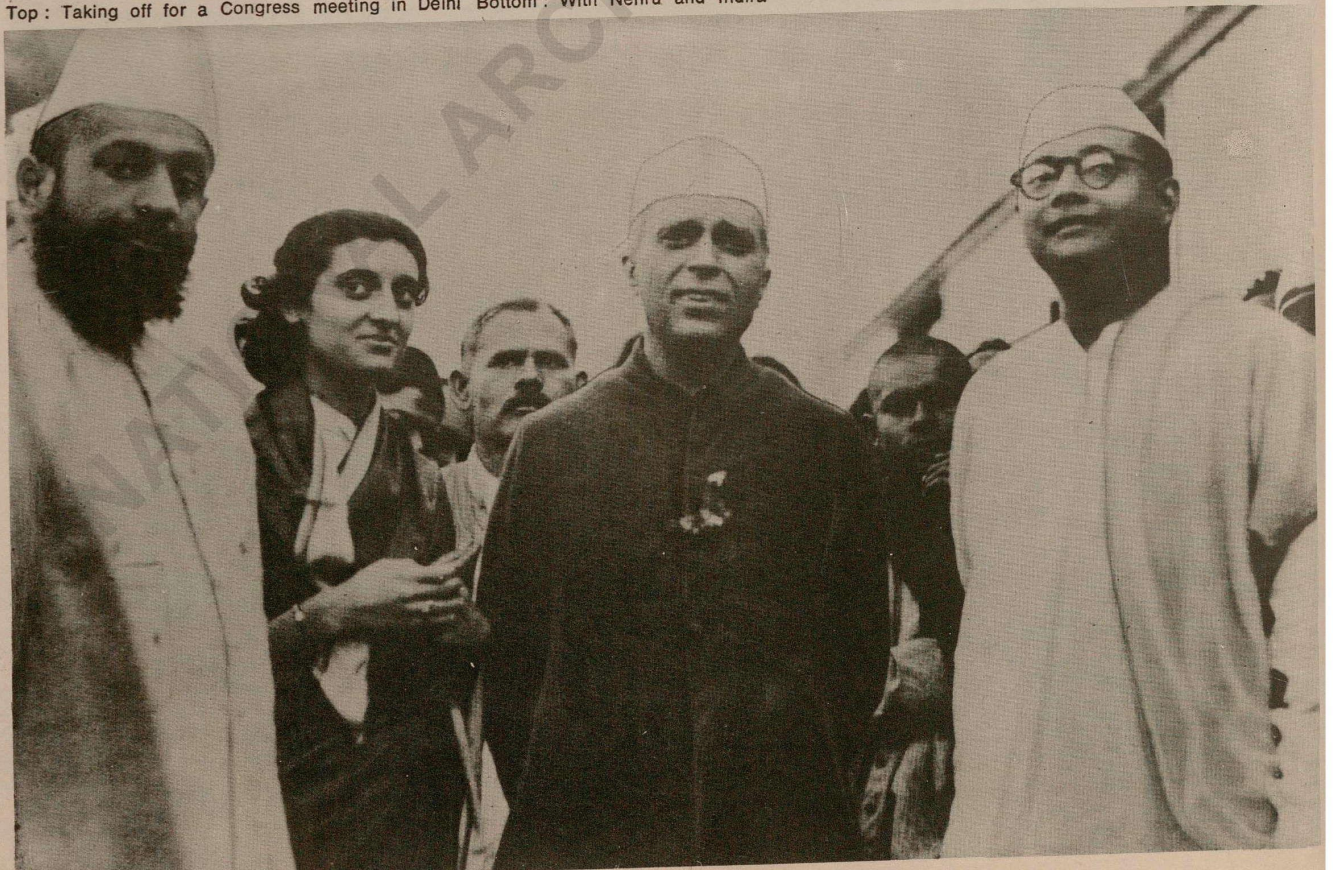


Top : Agitating college students with the Congress President Bottom : Send-off to a cultural troupe proceeding abroad



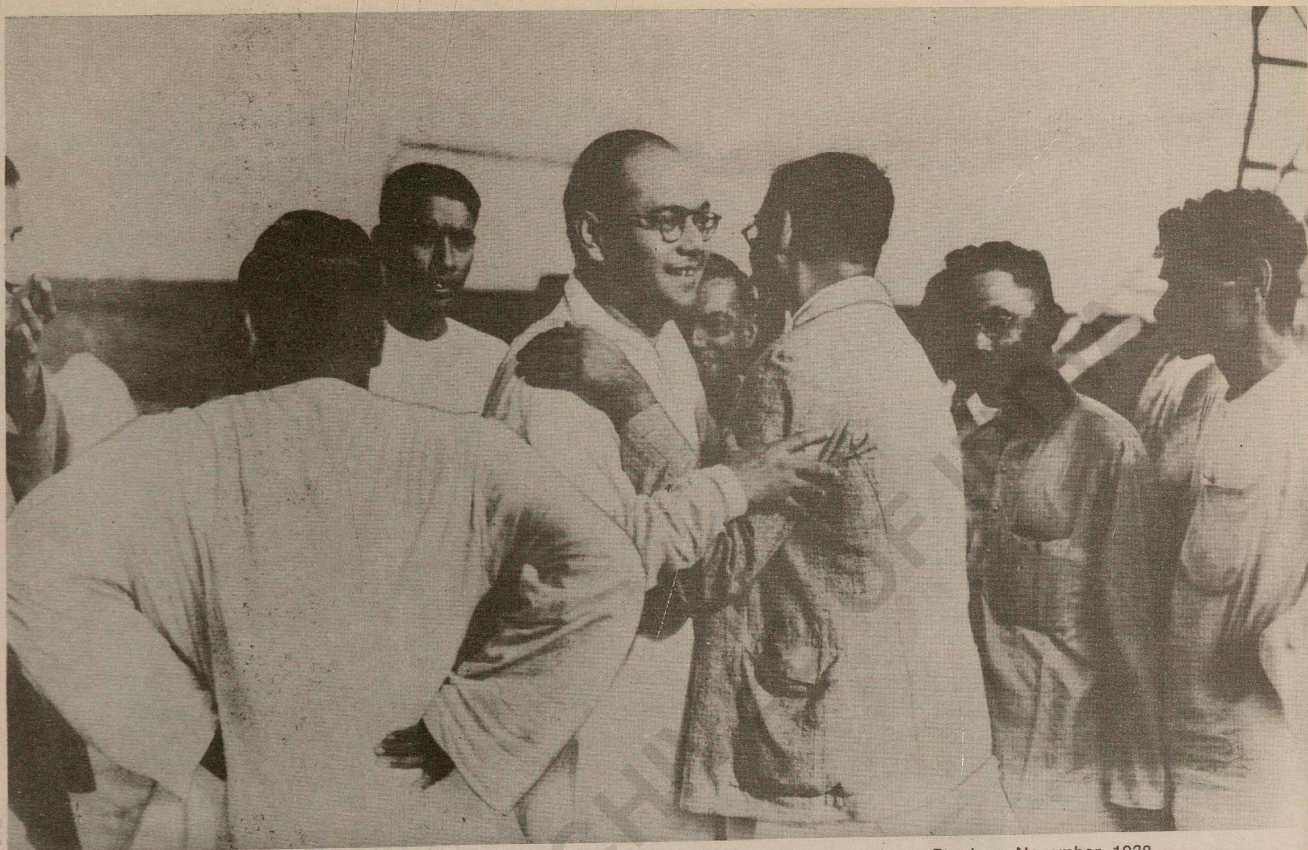


Top : Taking off for a Congress meeting in Delhi Bottom : With Nehru and Indira



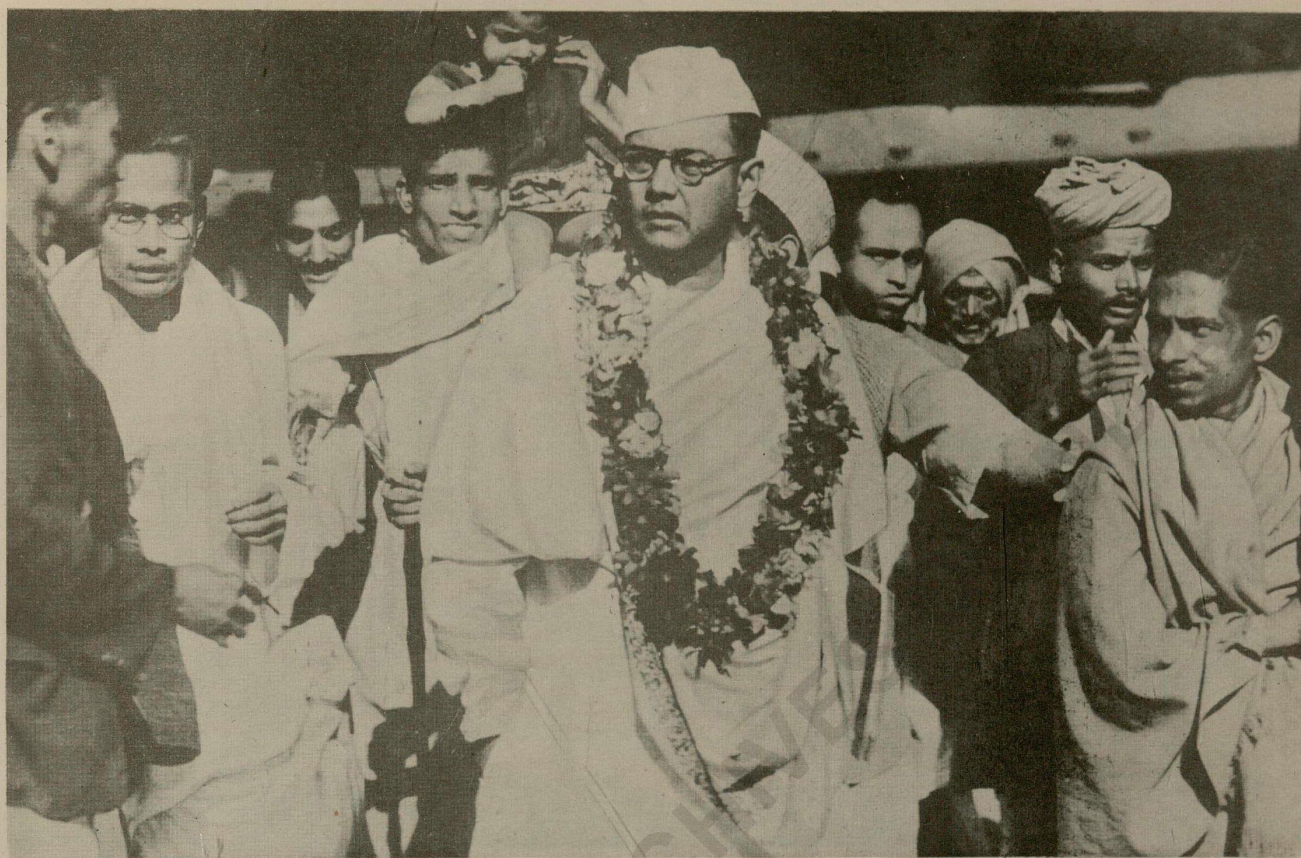
With Dr. Dharmvir while on tour
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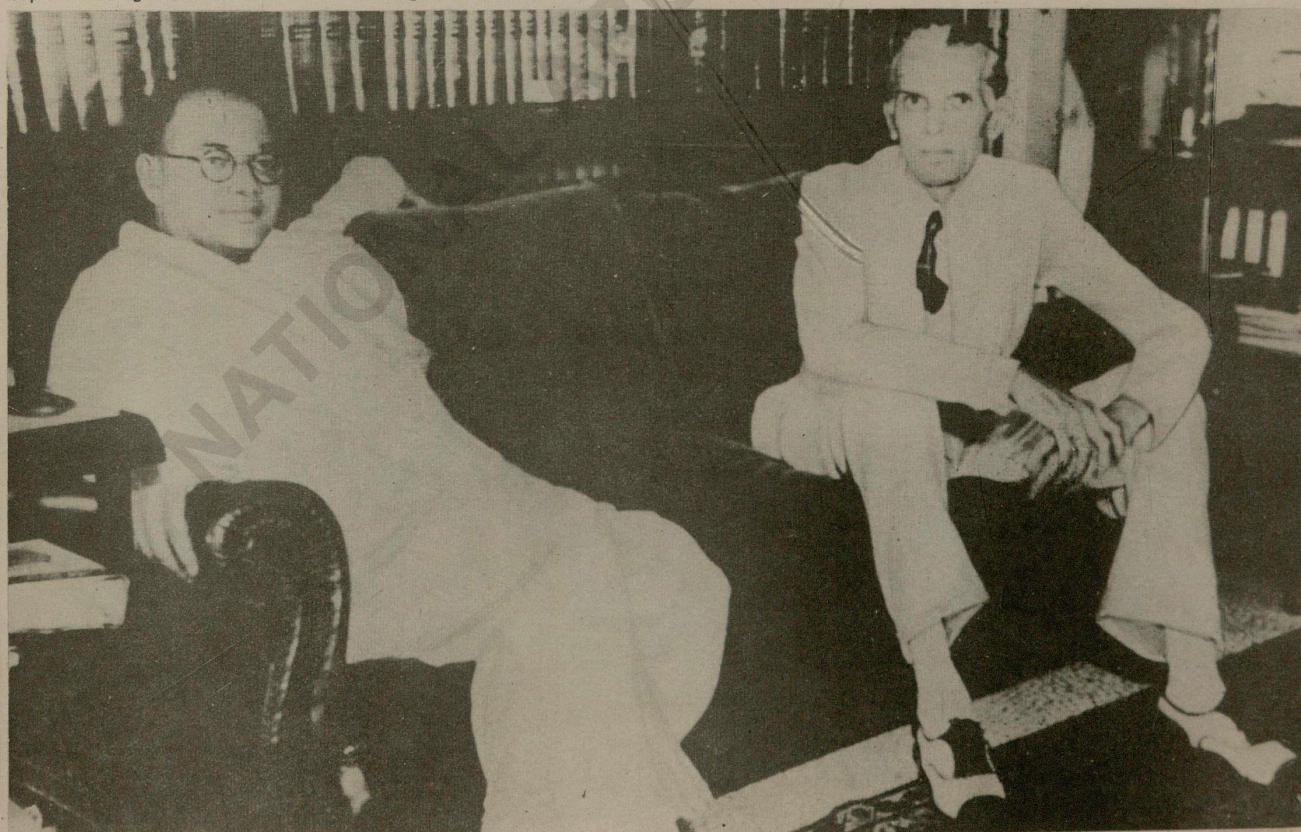


Top : An affectionate re-union with friends Bottom : Inaugurating the National Planning Committee, Bombay, November 1938

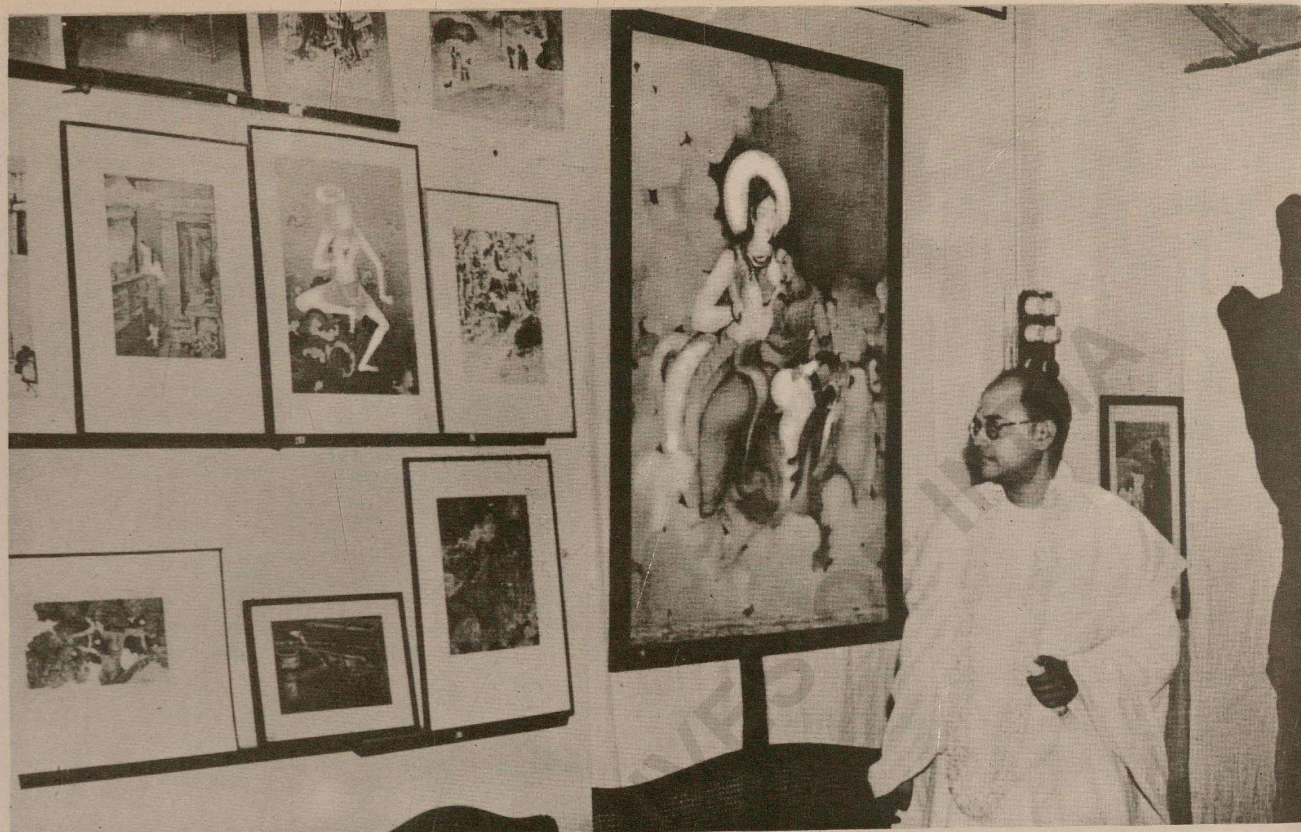




Top : Returning home from tour Bottom : Negotiating with M. A. Jinnah on the Hindu-Muslim question



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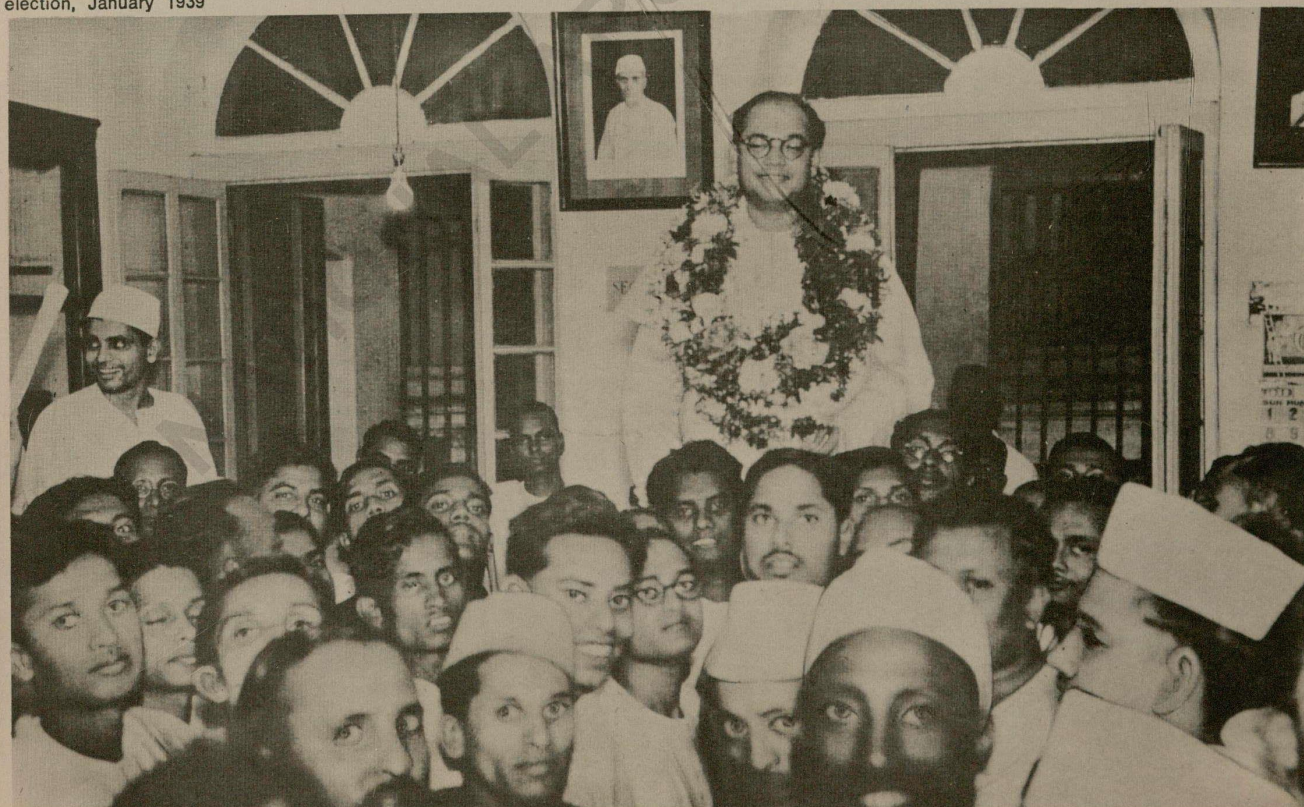


Top : Opening Sriniketan Exhibition in Calcutta Bottom : Rabindra Nath Tagore ceremonially receiving Bose at the Mango Grove in Santiniketan, January 1939

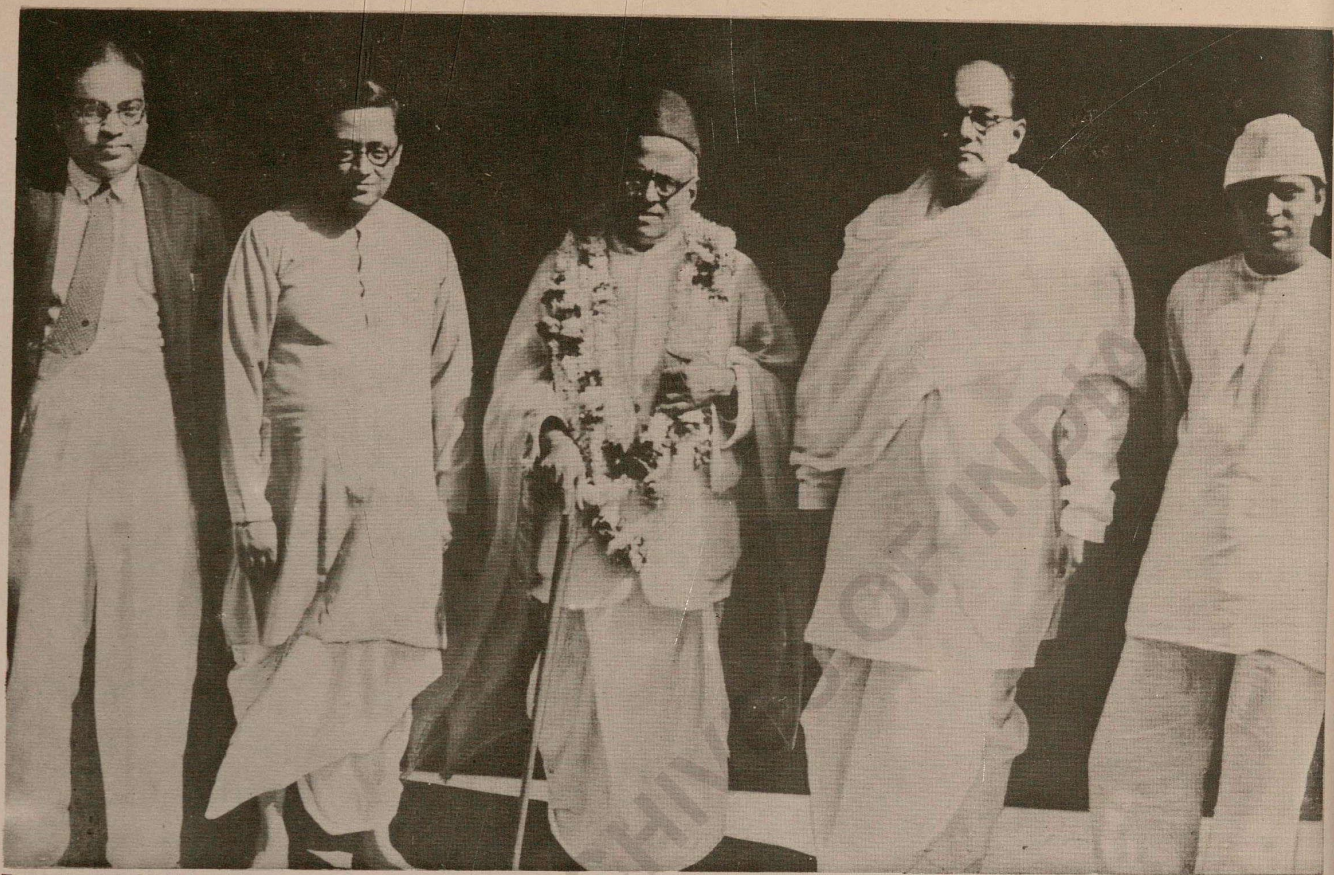




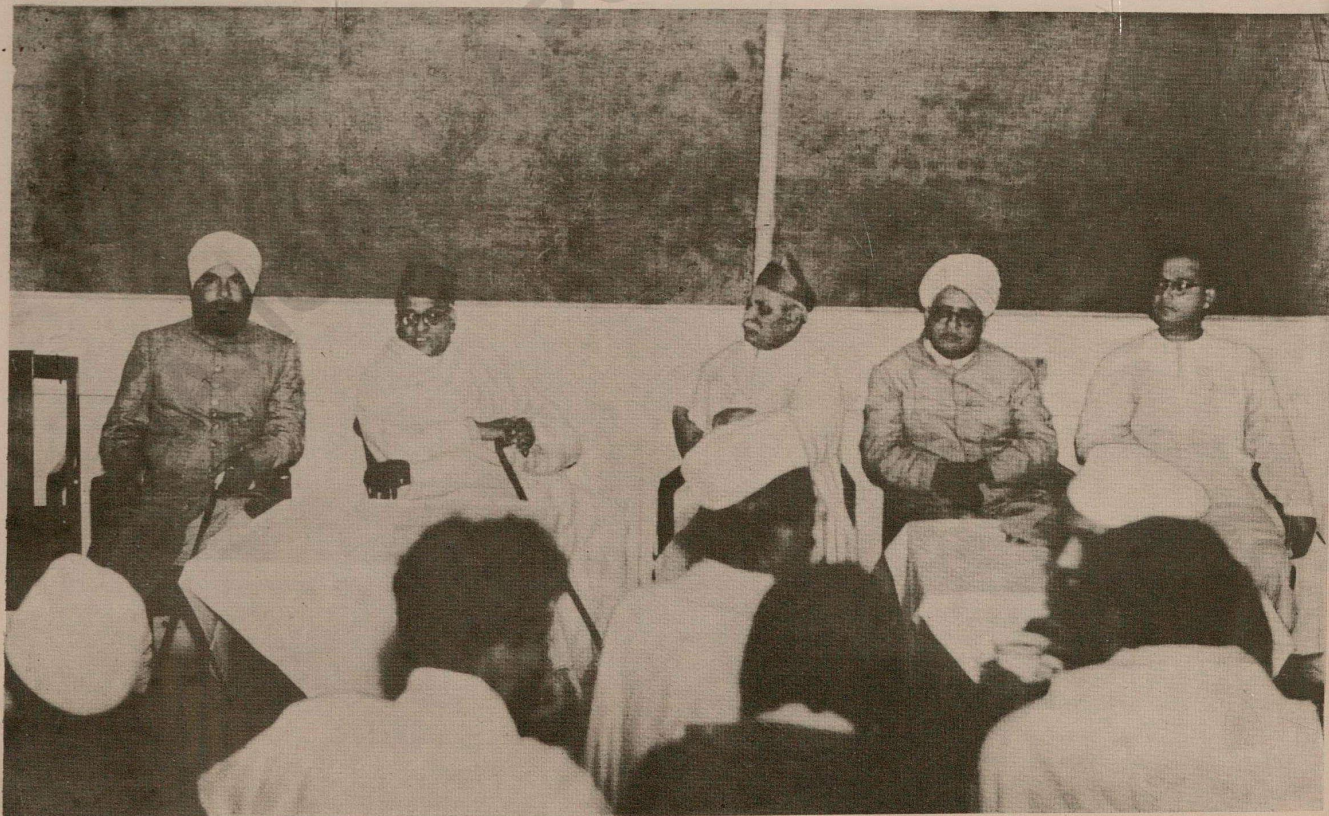
Top : With Nandalal Bose and students of Santiniketan Bottom : Ovation at Bengal Congress headquarters after victory in Congress Presidential election, January 1939

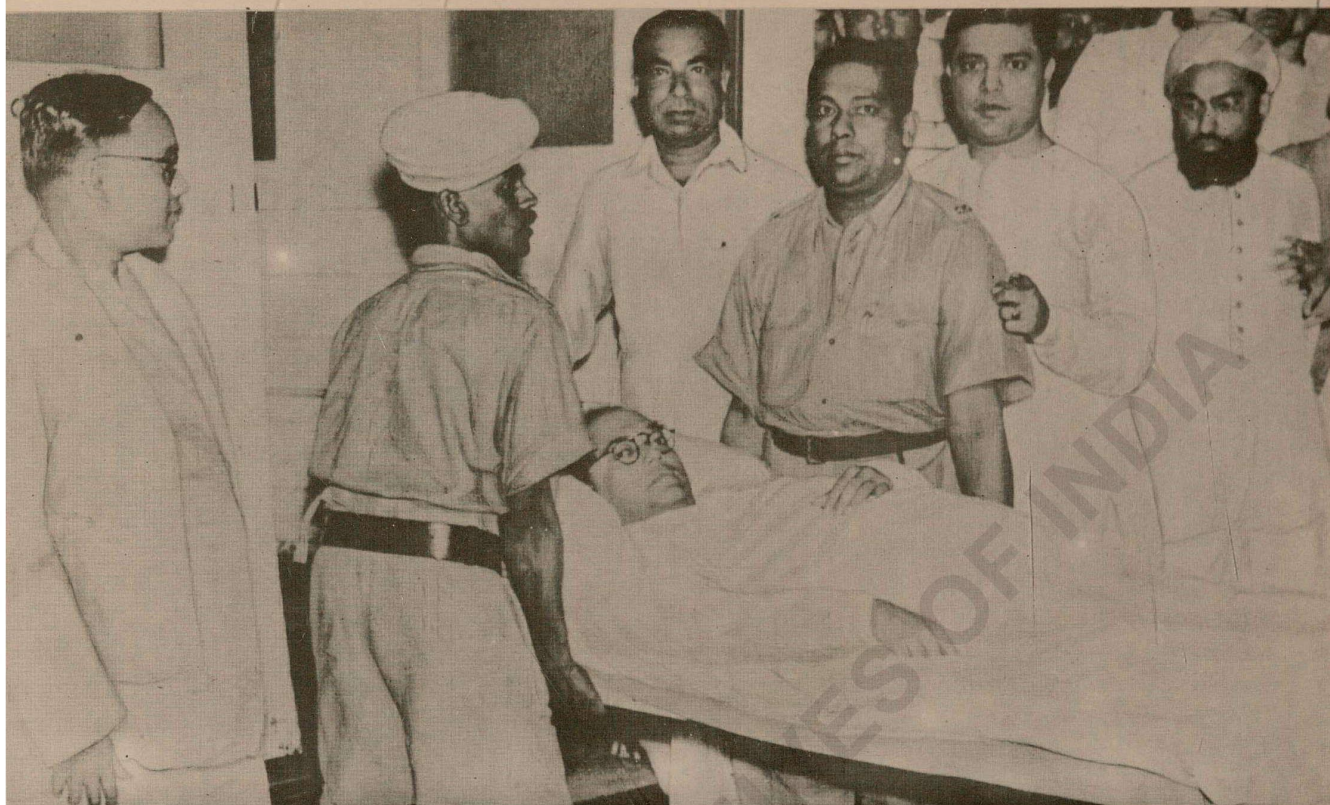


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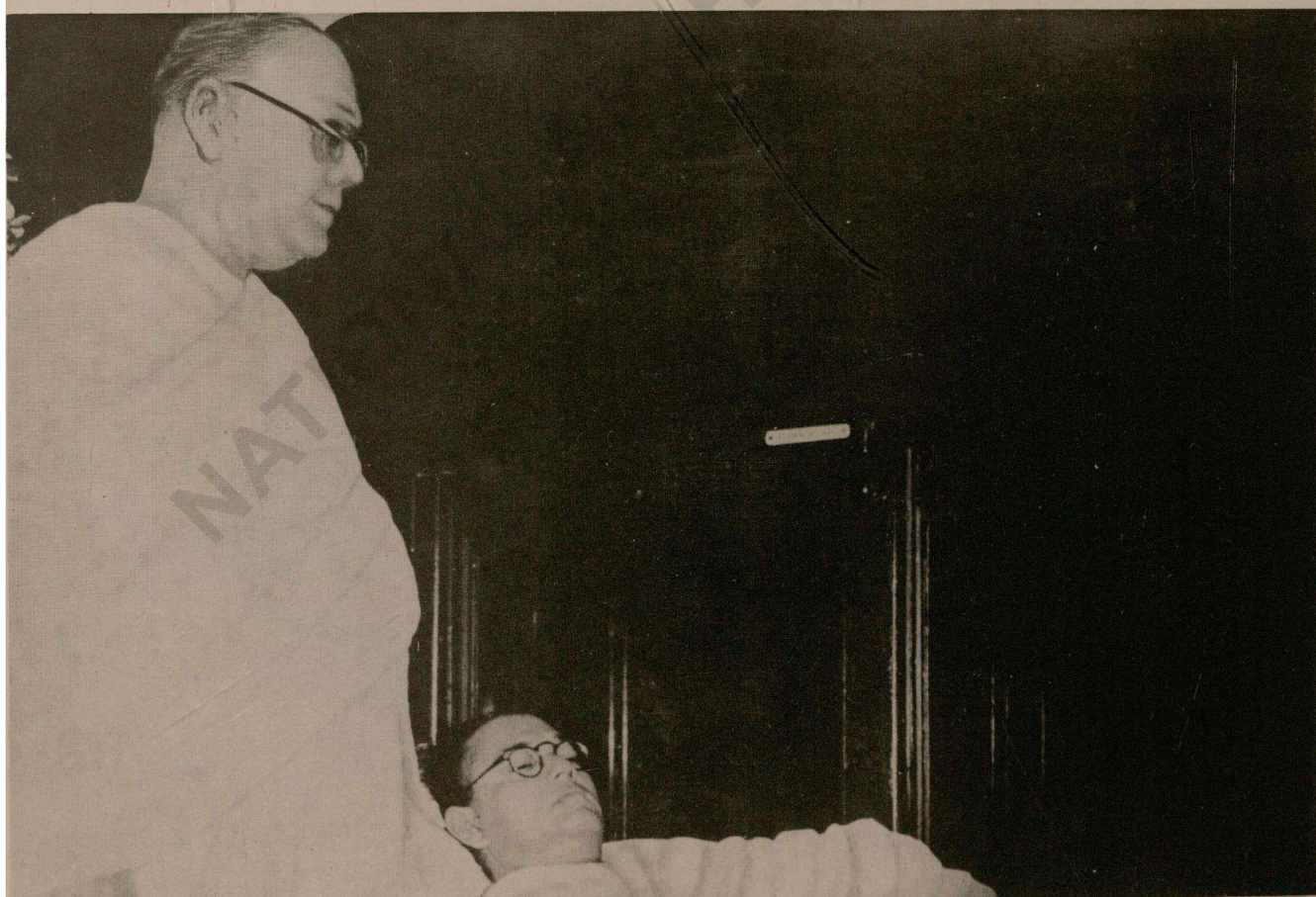


Top : Receiving Srinivas Iyengar in Calcutta Bottom : Leftist leaders' conference at 1 Woodburn Park, February 1939 : L to R — Caveeshar, Iyengar, Aney, Satyapal, Bose

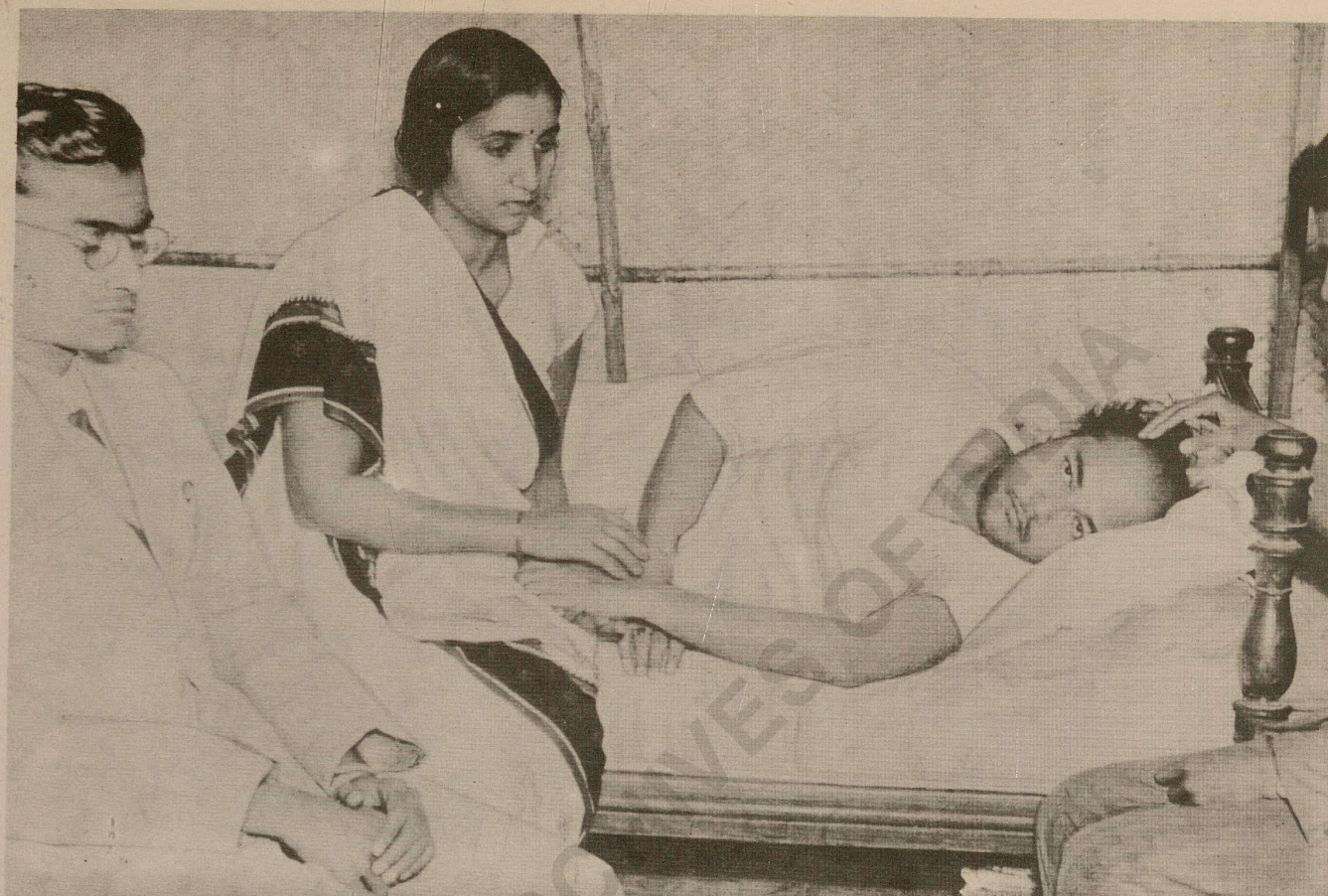




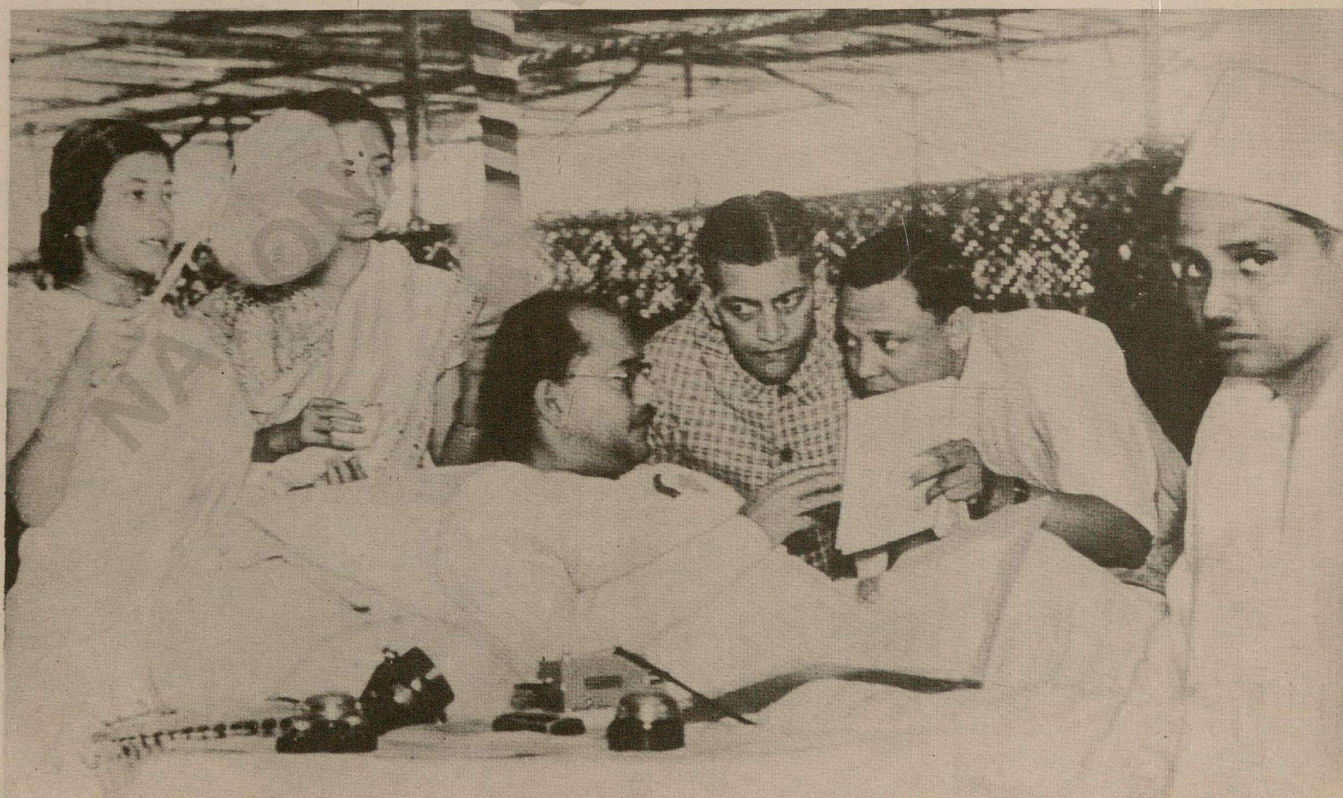
Top : Sick President being carried on a stretcher to the train to Tripuri Bottom : With brother Sarat inside the train

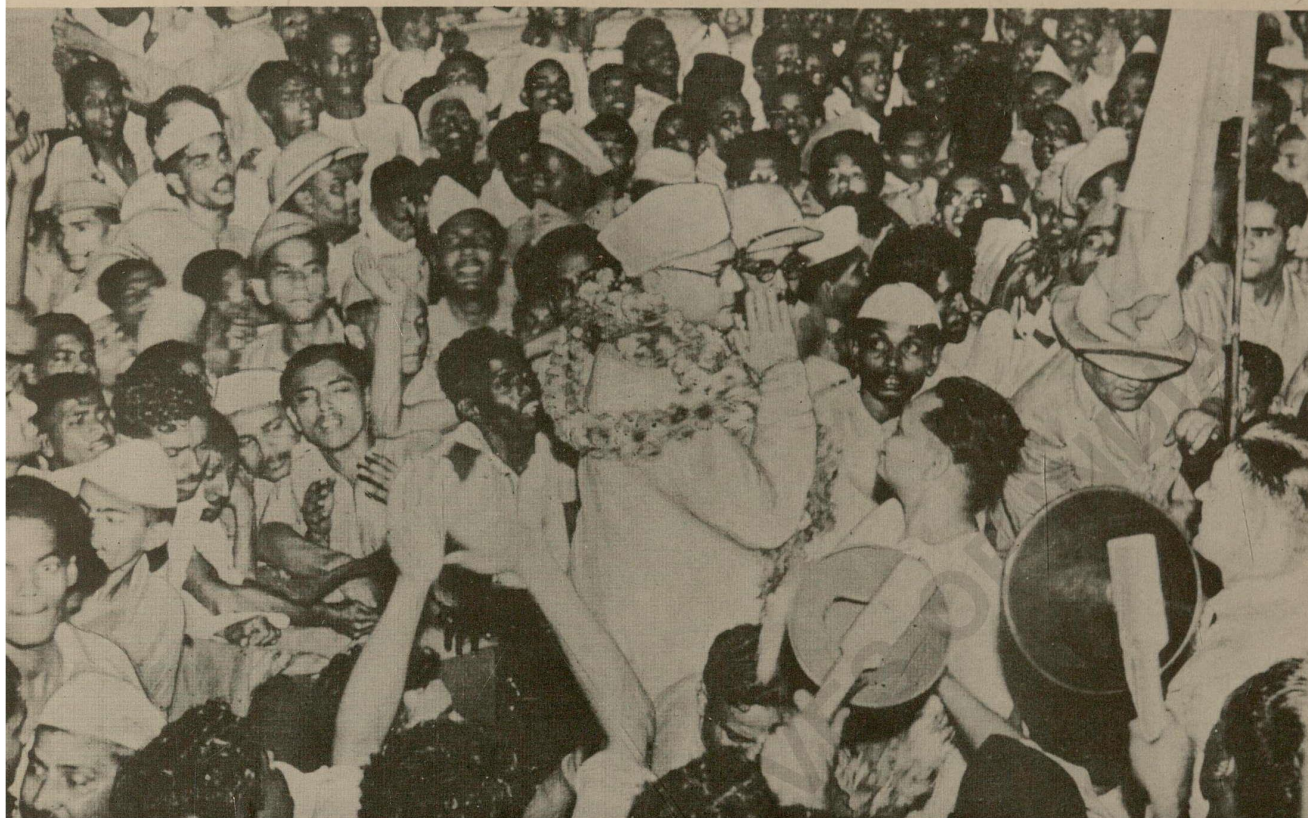


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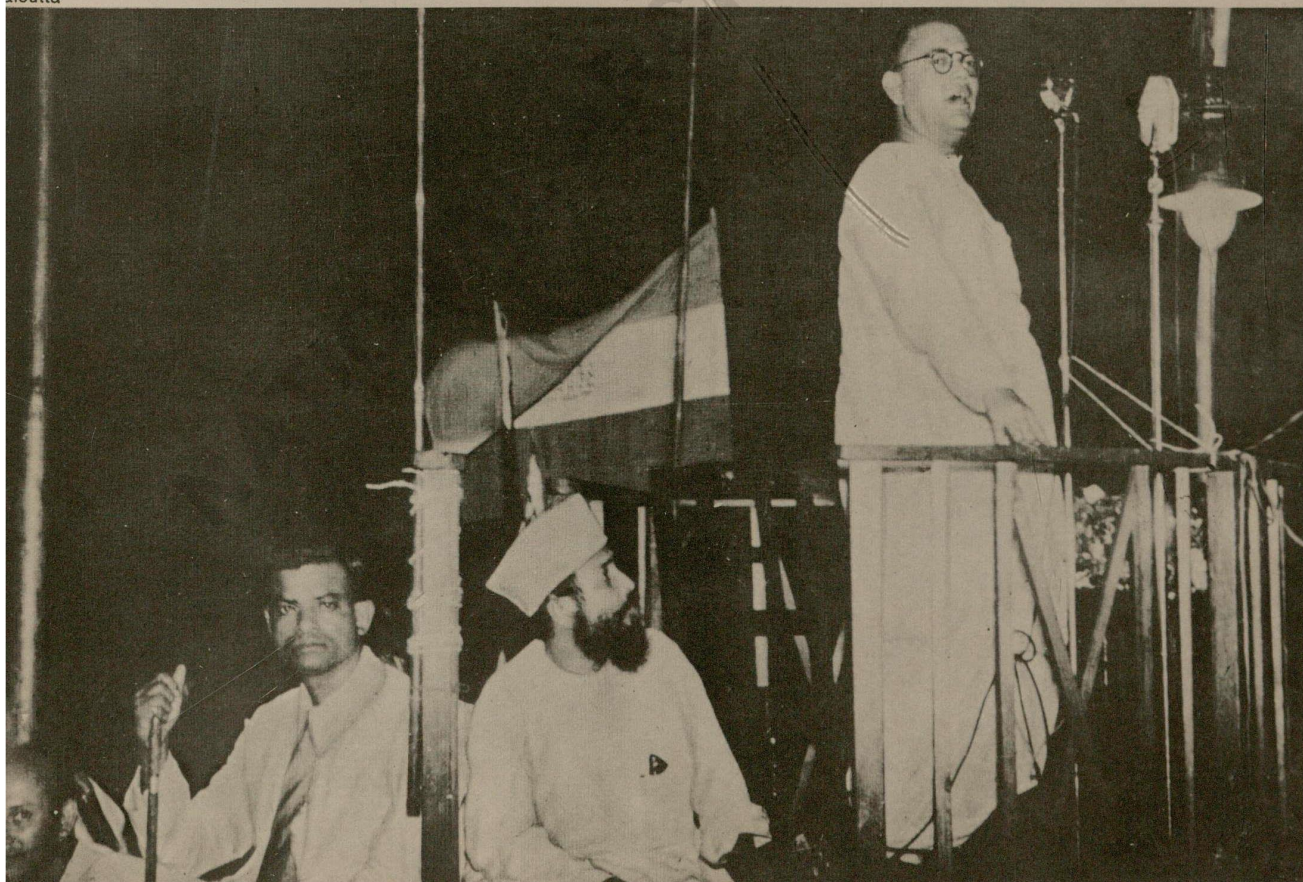


Top : In the President's camp, Tripuri, March 1939 Bottom : Presiding over the Subjects Committee meeting at Tripuri





Top : Reception at Howrah Station on return home after recovery, April 1939 Bottom : Addressing public meeting at Sraddhananda Park, Calcutta

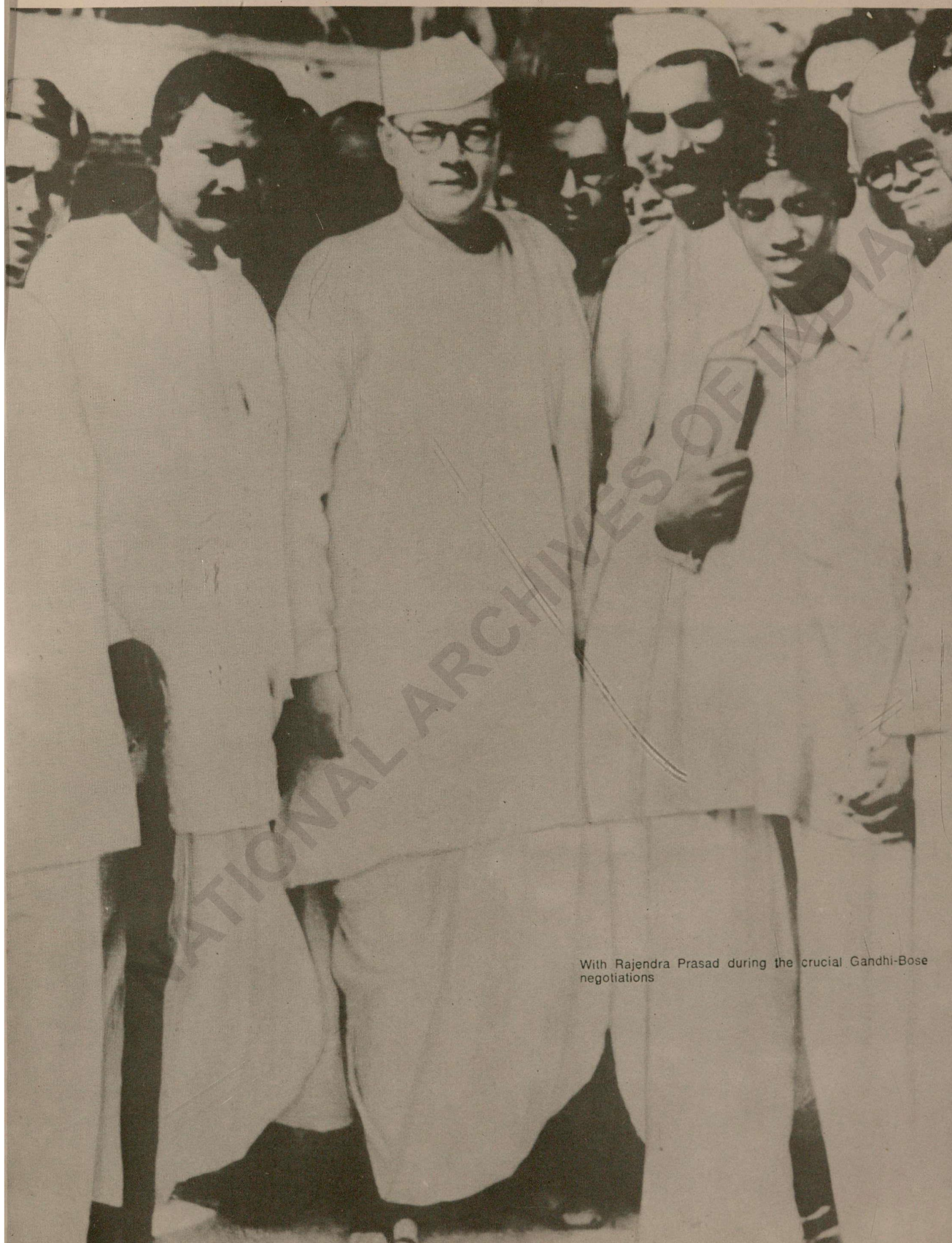


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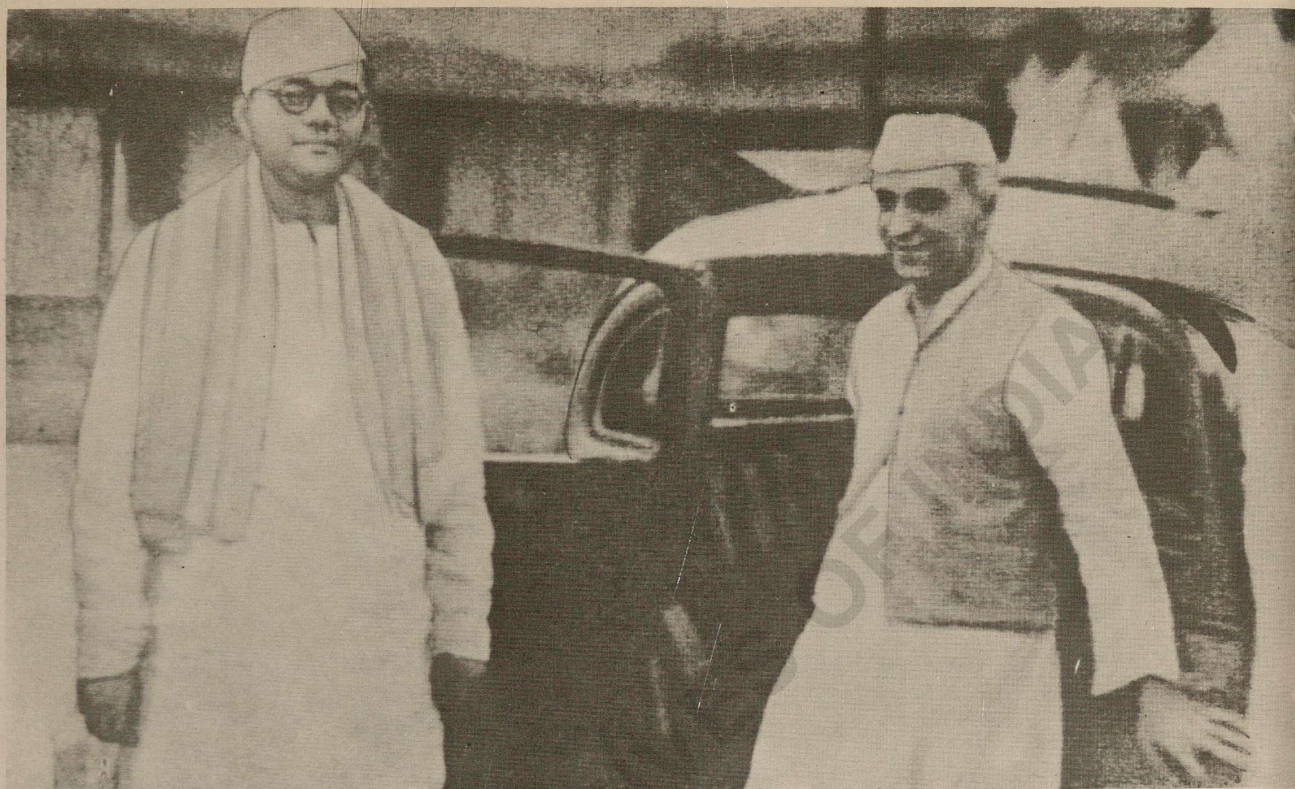


Top : With journalists at Sodepur Ashrama while negotiating with Gandhi Bottom : At Sodepur during the talks, April 1939





With Rajendra Prasad during the crucial Gandhi-Bose negotiations

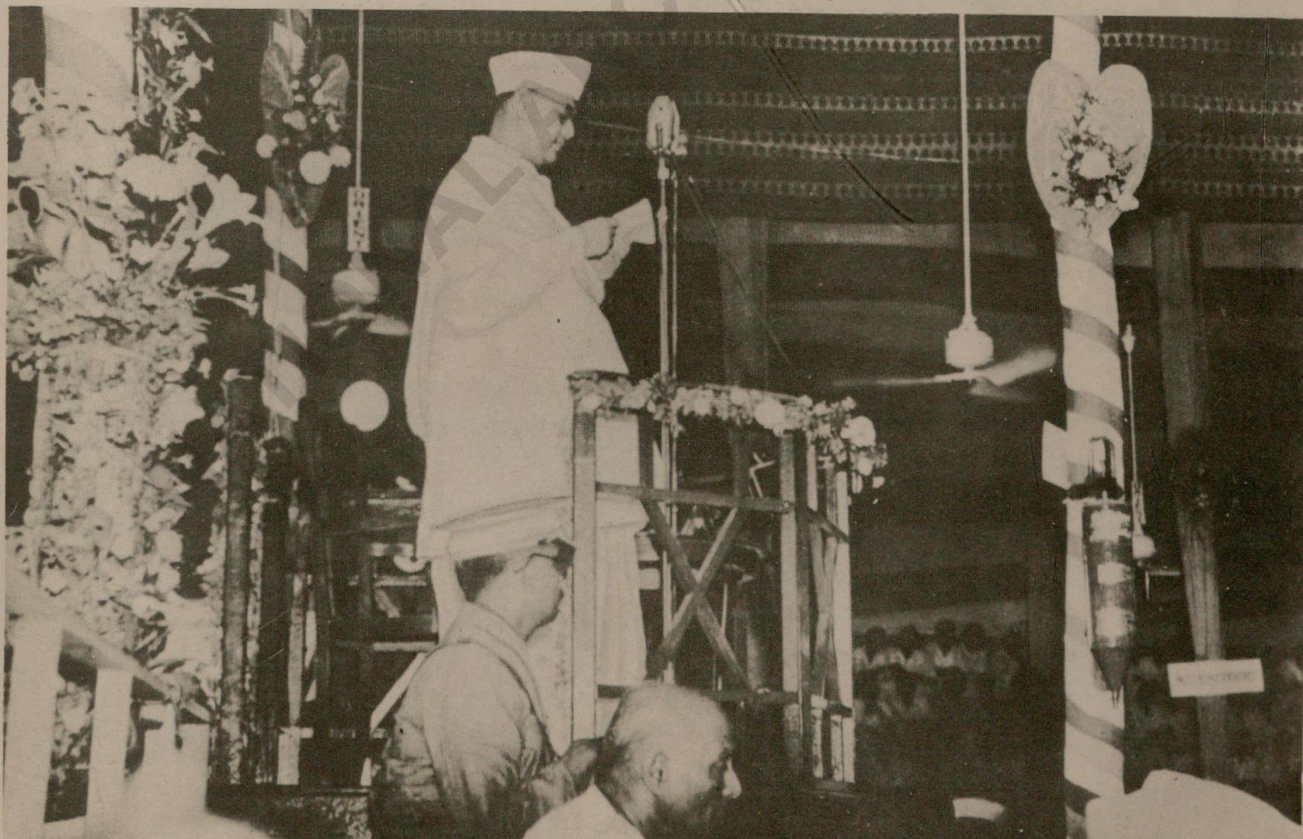


Top : With Nehru at Sodepur Bottom : Proceeding to the All-India Congress Committee meeting at Wellington Square to announce resignation as President





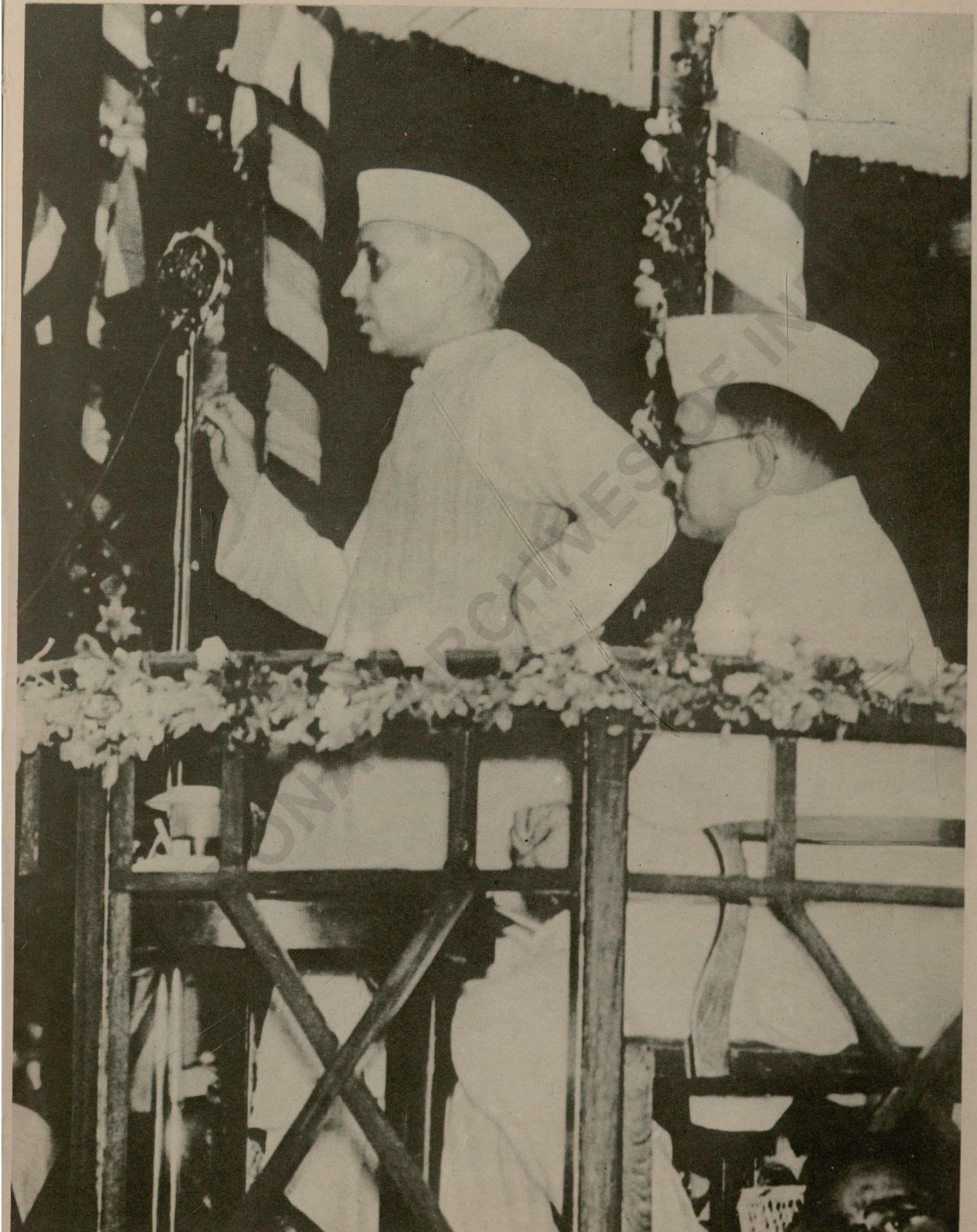
Top : In close conference with Nehru at the fateful meeting Bottom : Announcing his resignation



If I formed such a Committee as advised above, I would not be able to report to you that the Committee ~~added~~ even wanted his implicit confidence. Moreover, my own conviction is that ~~the situation~~ ~~in view of~~ the critical times that are ahead of us ~~at~~ ~~in~~ India and abroad, we should have a composite Cabinet Commanding the confidence of the largest number of Congressmen possible, and reflecting the composition of the general body of Congressmen.

A page from Bose's draft resignation statement for the All-India Congress Committee. Right: Nehru pleads his case.

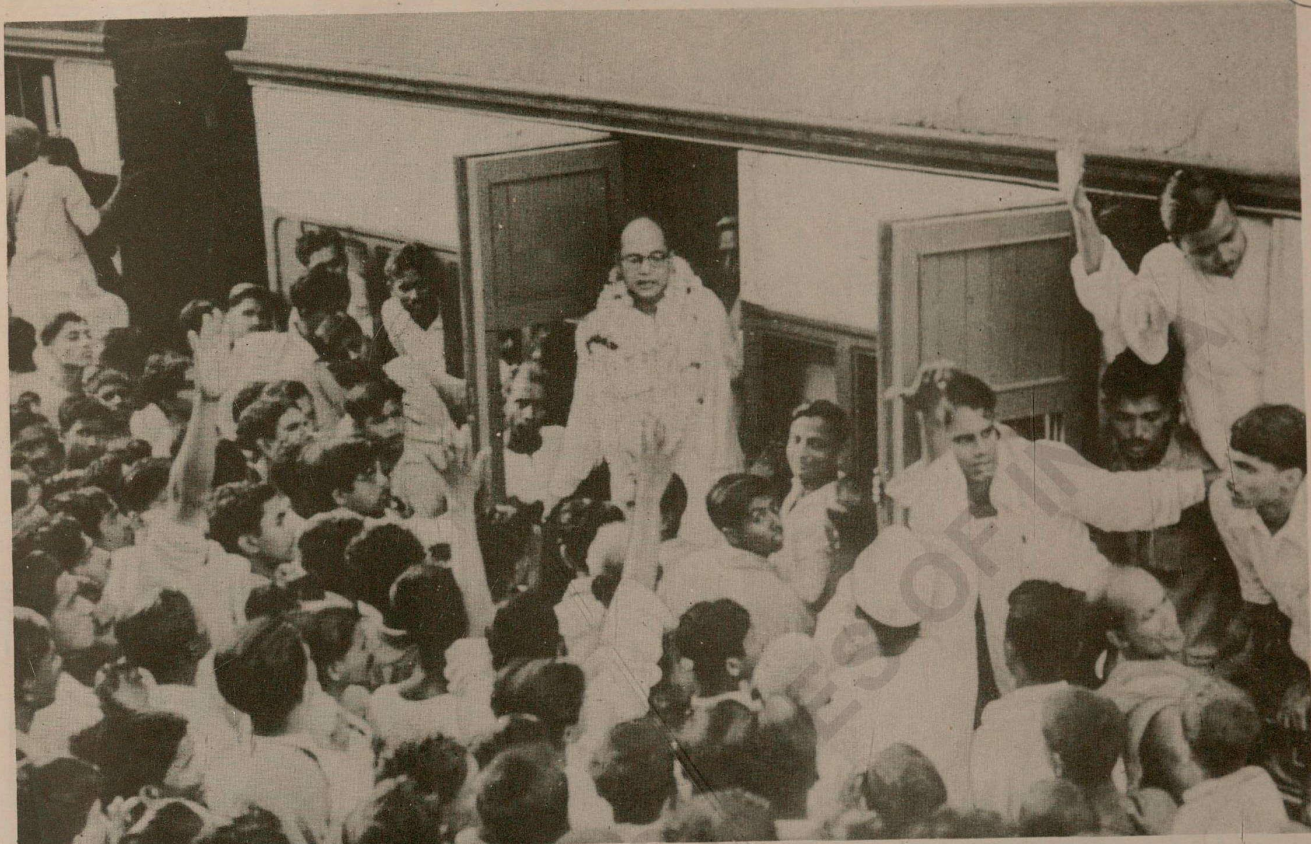
Since I could not implement Mahatma's advice, I





Escorting other leaders out of the meeting place amidst excited crowds



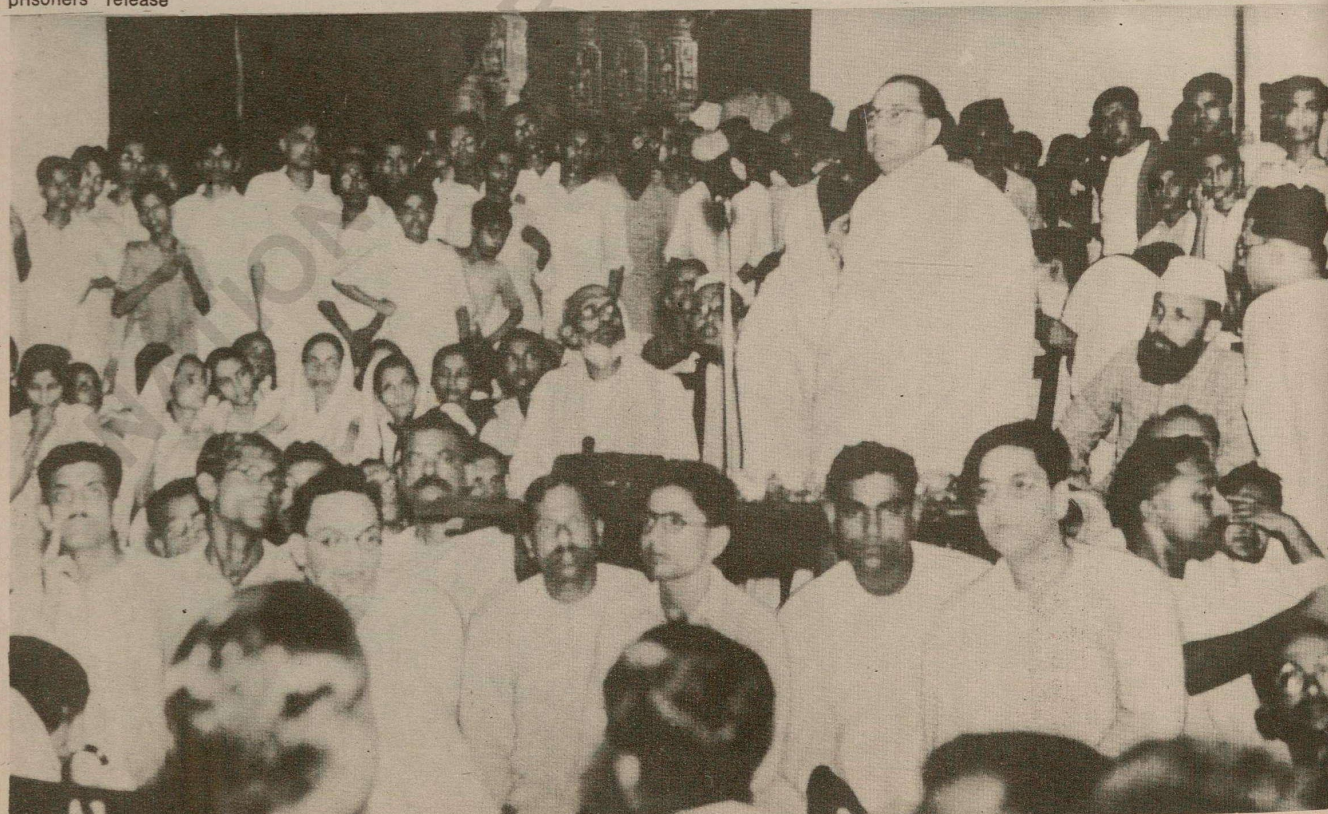


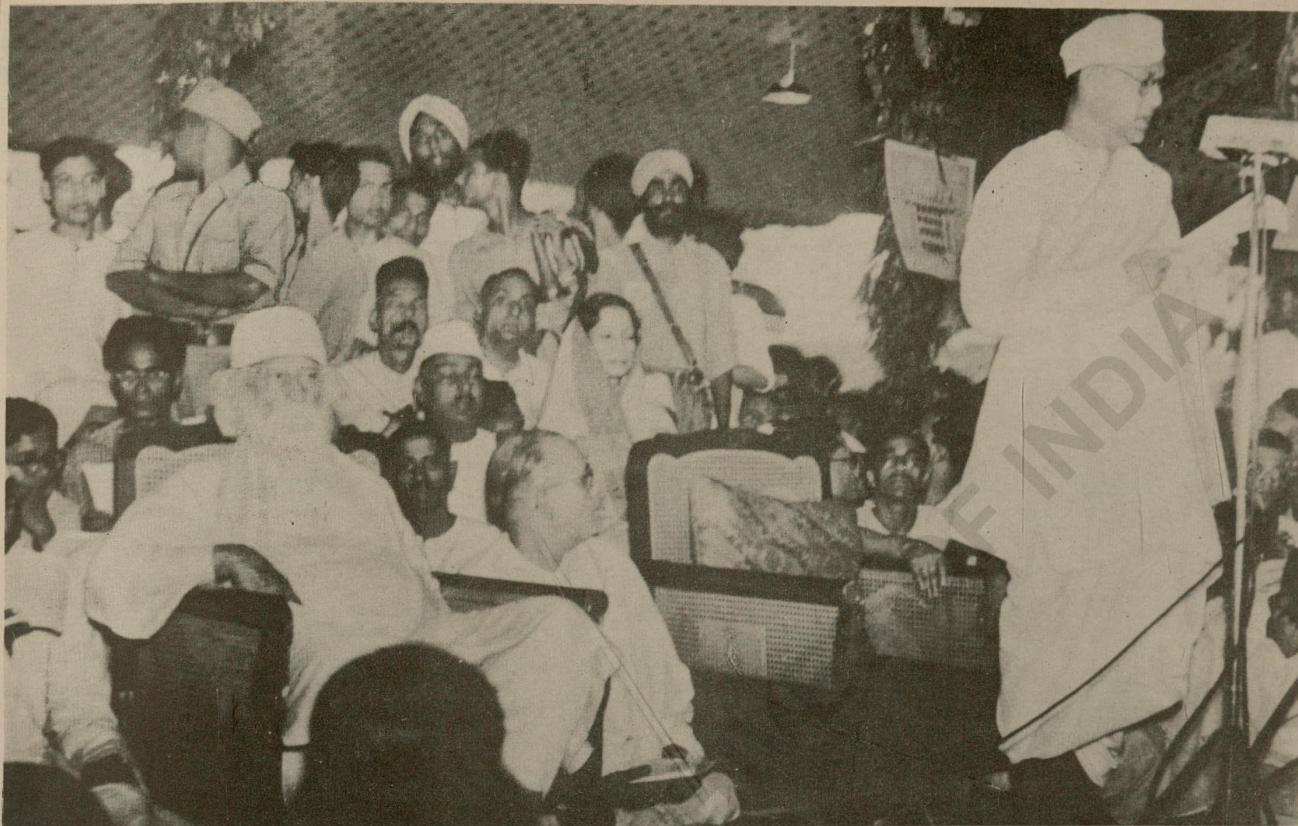
Arrives in Tarakeswar to launch his political campaign in opposition to Gandhian Congress



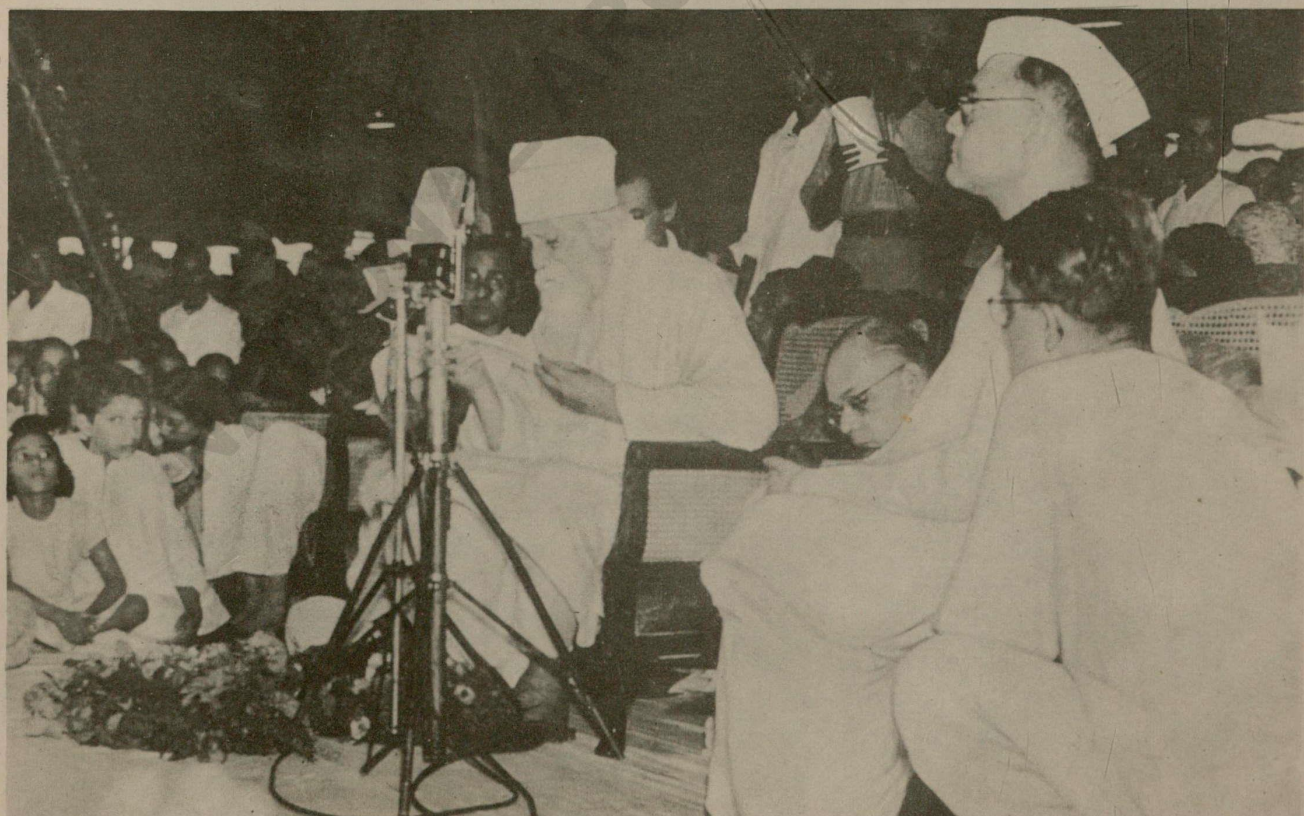


Top : Addressing the Tarakeswar conference, May 1939 Bottom : Speaking at a meeting at the Calcutta University Institute demanding political prisoners' release

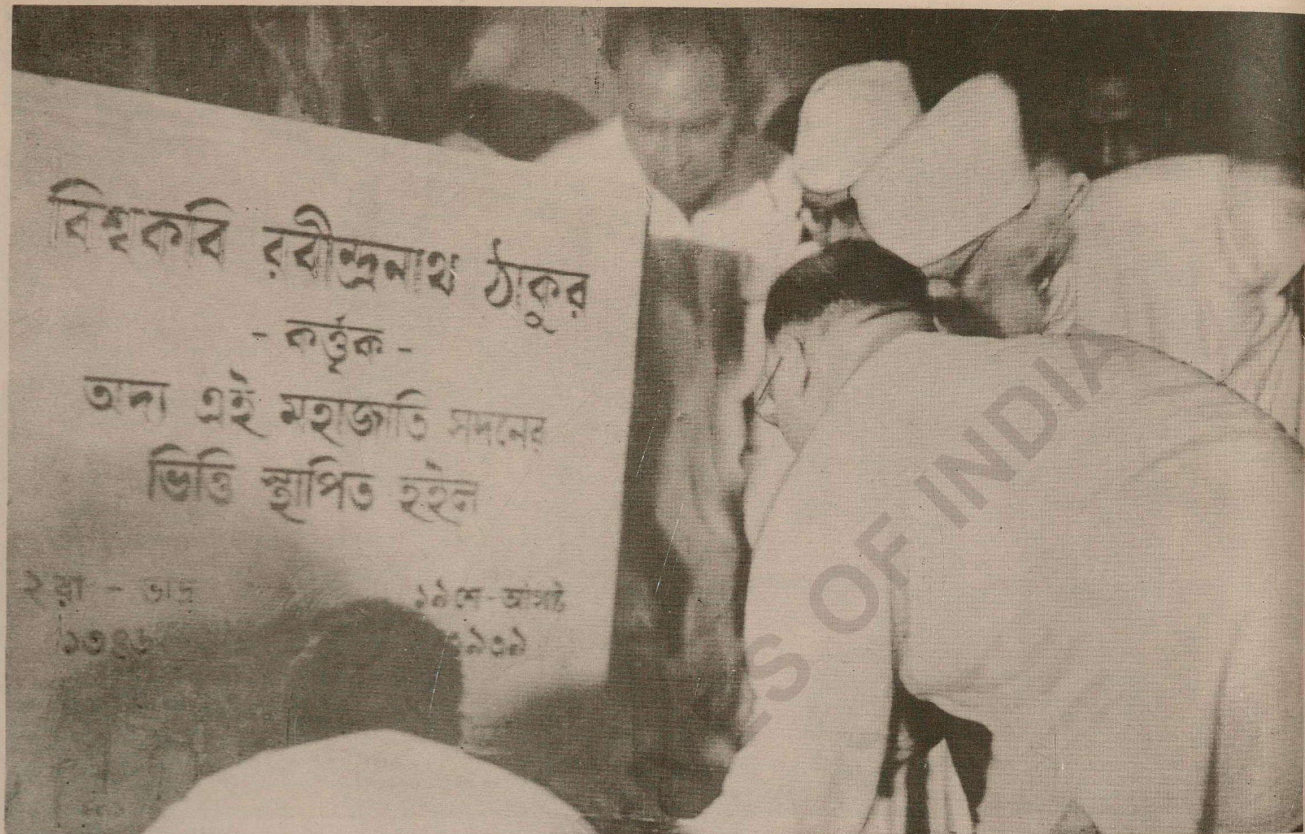




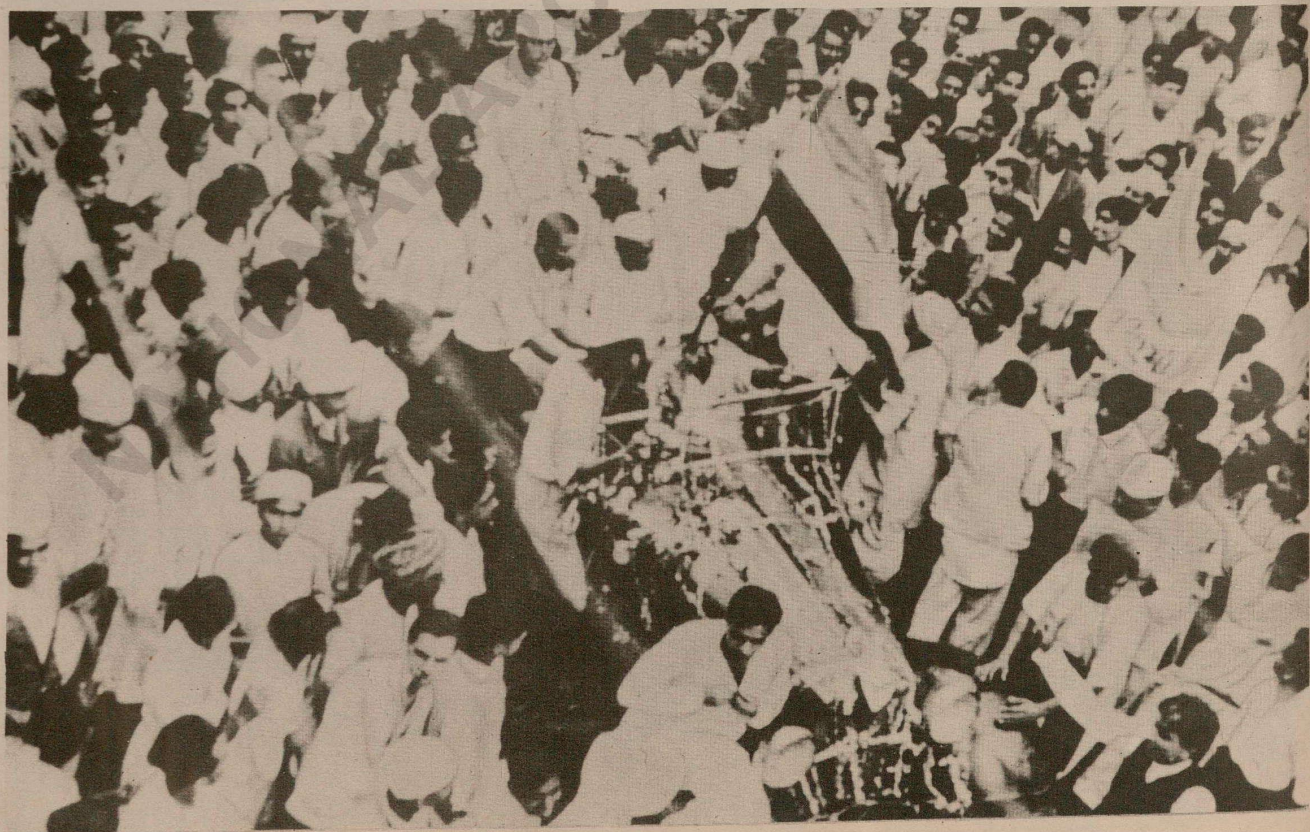
Top : Welcoming Tagore at the foundation-laying ceremony of Mahajati Sadan, August 1939 Bottom : Tagore delivering his address



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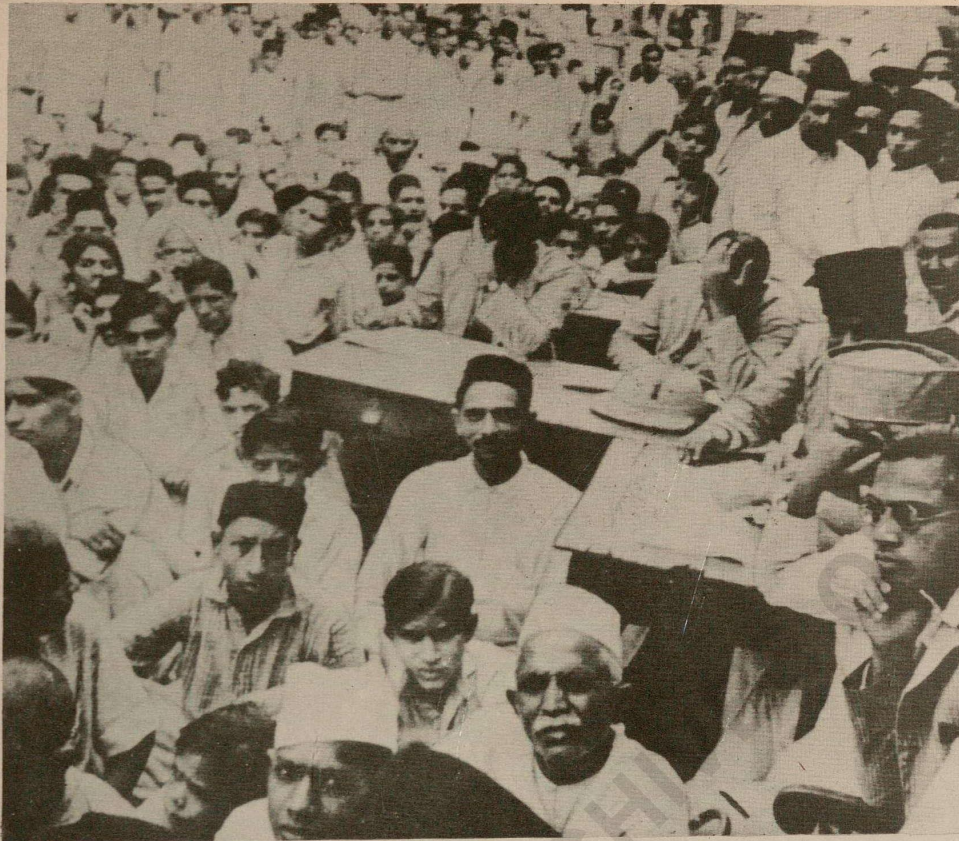
Top : Tagore lays the foundation stone of Mahajati Sadan Bottom : Arriving at Ahmedabad on tour



Subhas Bose speaks

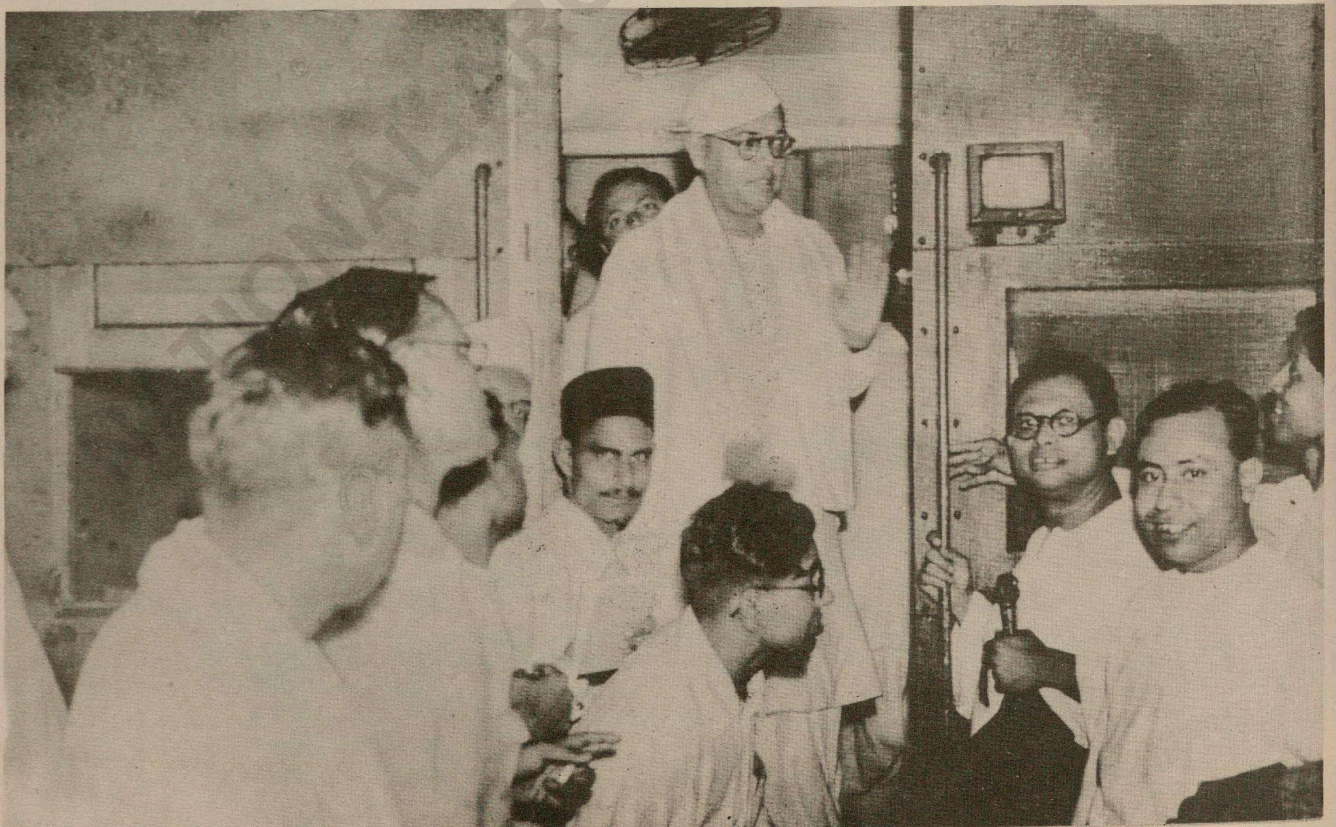


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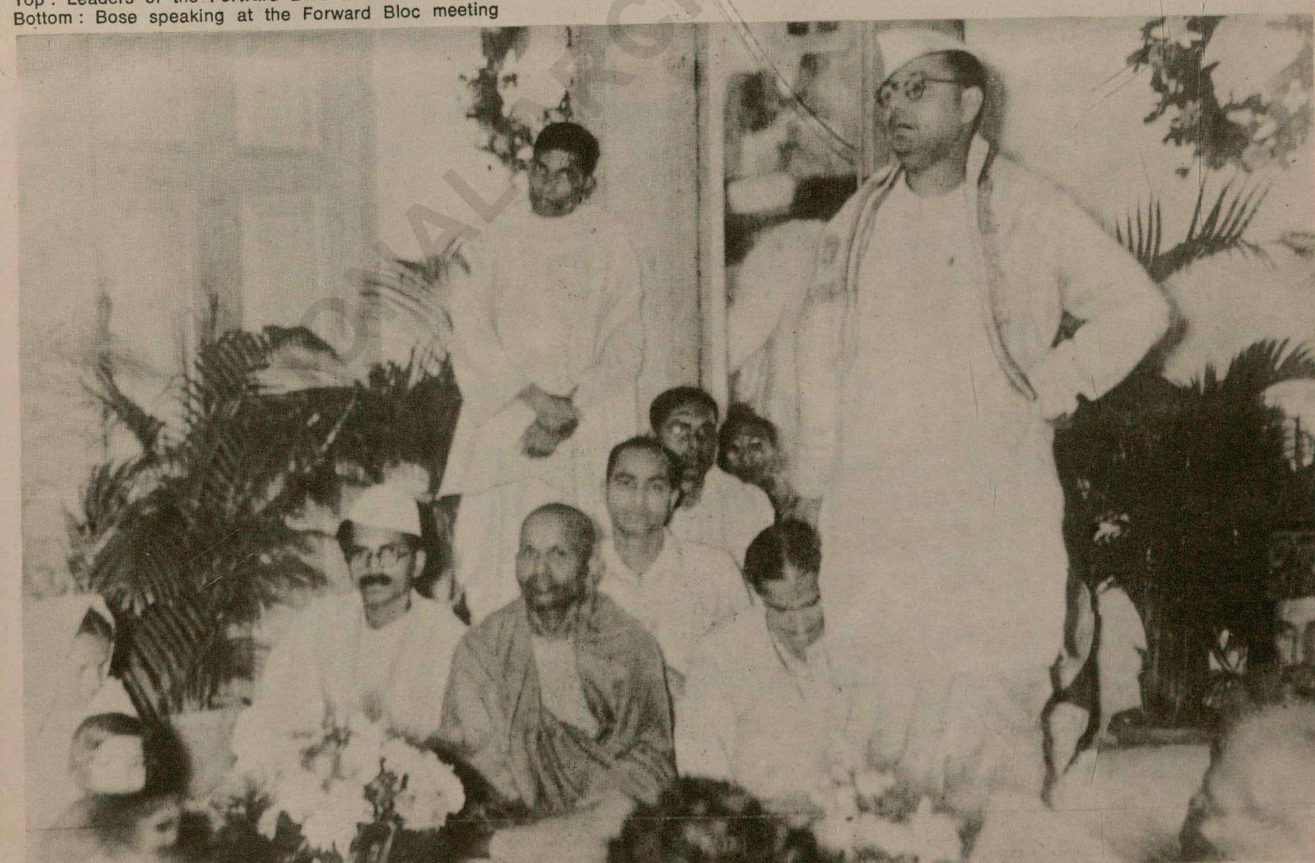
Soon after forming the Forward Bloc, Bose launched his propaganda offensive throughout the country from May 1939 onwards. In July of the same year, he organised protest demonstrations against attempts of the Congress Right Wing to curb democratic expression of opinion and activity of party members. As a result, disciplinary action was taken by the Congress High Command virtually expelling him from the party.

Top : Police agents taking notes of Bose's speech at a public meeting
Bottom : Bose leaves Calcutta for Delhi for a meeting with the Viceroy soon after outbreak of the war



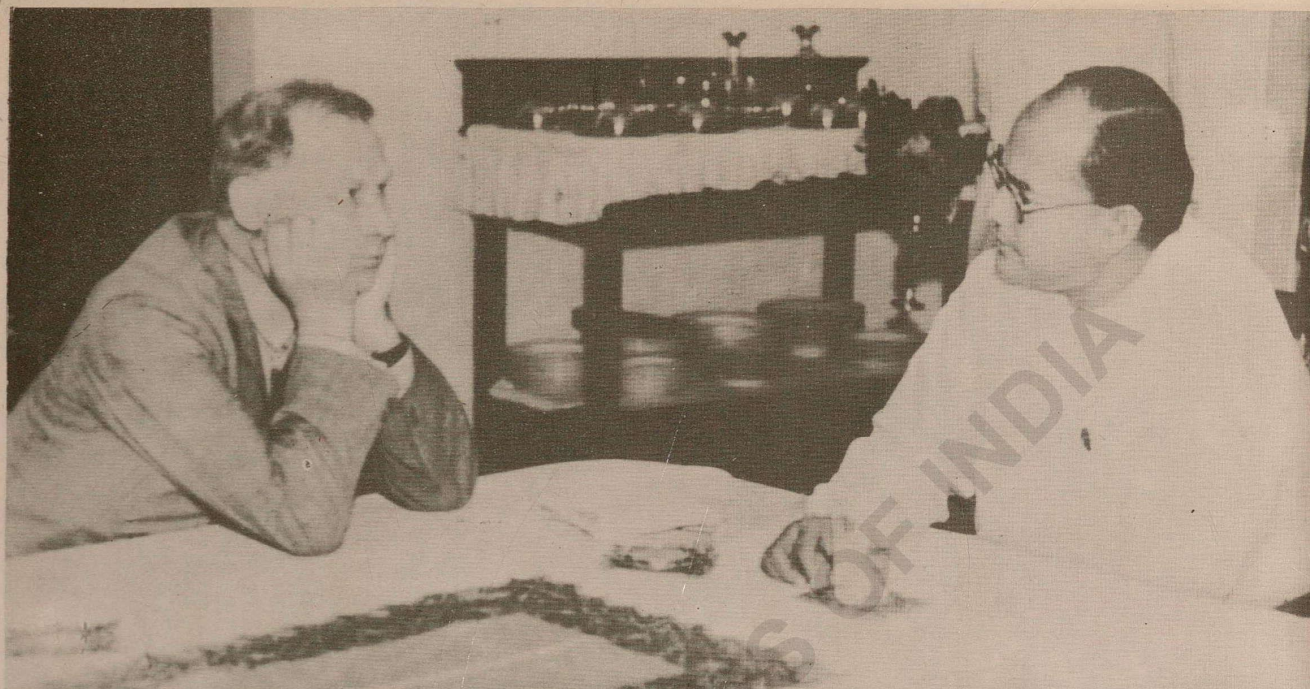


Top : Leaders of the Forward Bloc and Left Consolidation Committee assembled at Bose's Calcutta residence, November 1939



Bottom : Bose speaking at the Forward Bloc meeting

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Top : In discussion with Edward Thompson at 1 Woodburn Park Bottom : Visiting the construction site of Mahajati Sadan with members of Calcutta Corporation





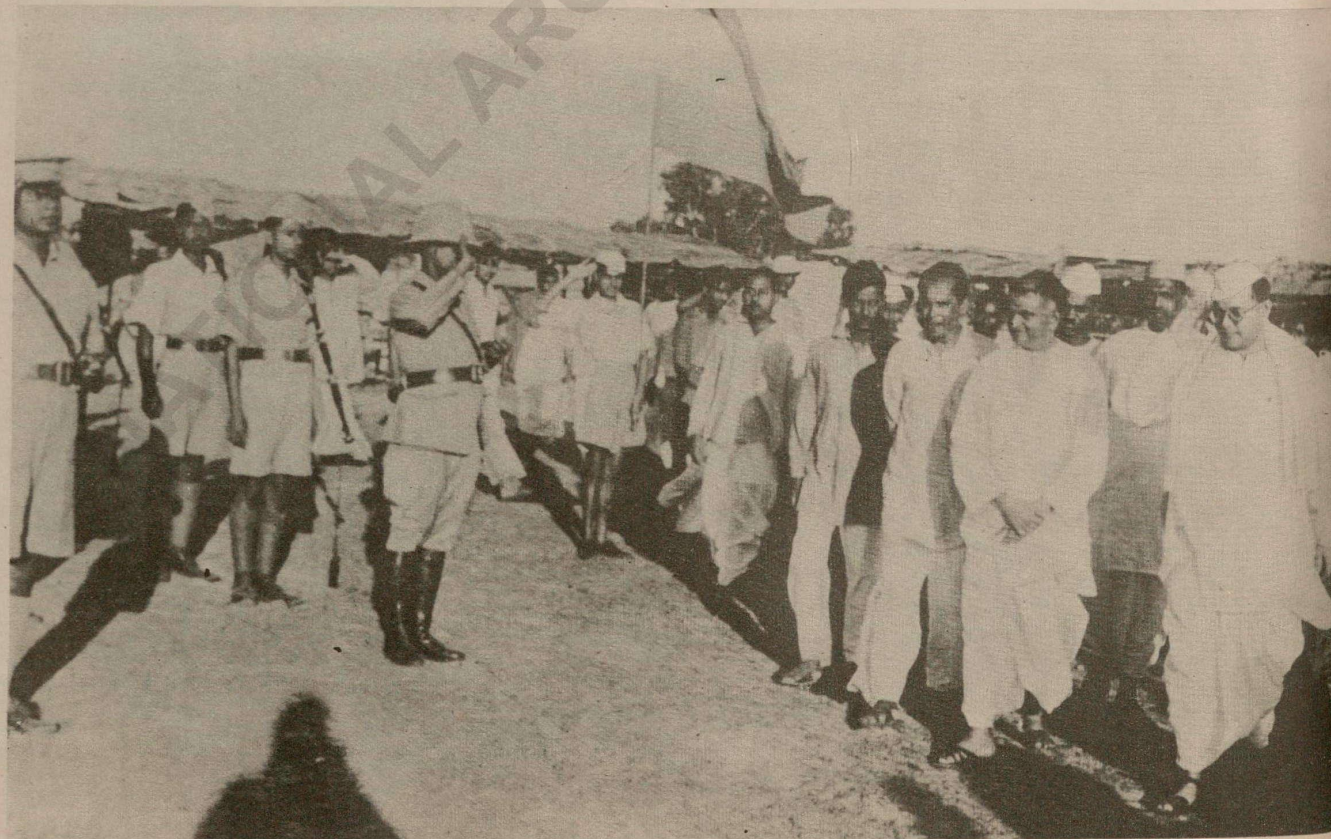
Top : Arrival at Ramgarh for the Anti-Compromise Conference, March 1940 Bottom : The presidential procession at Ramgarh

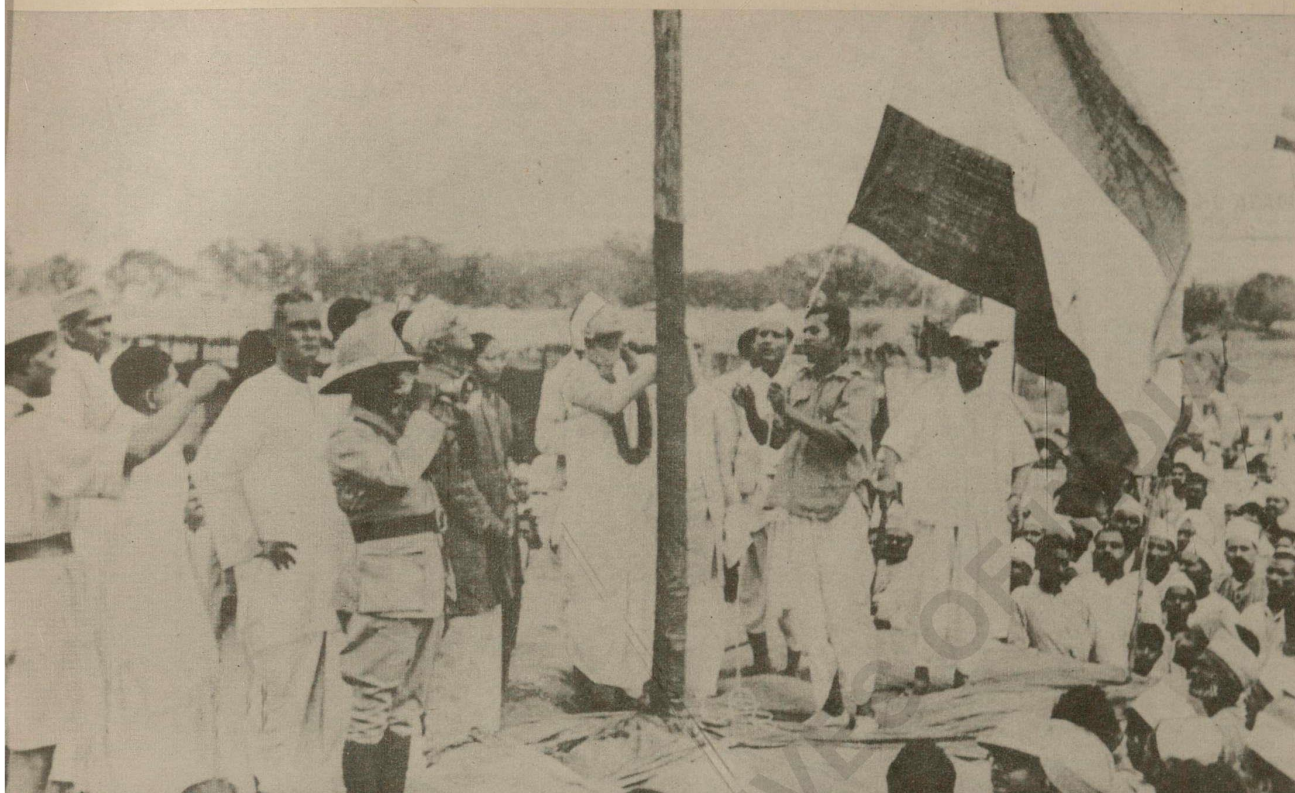


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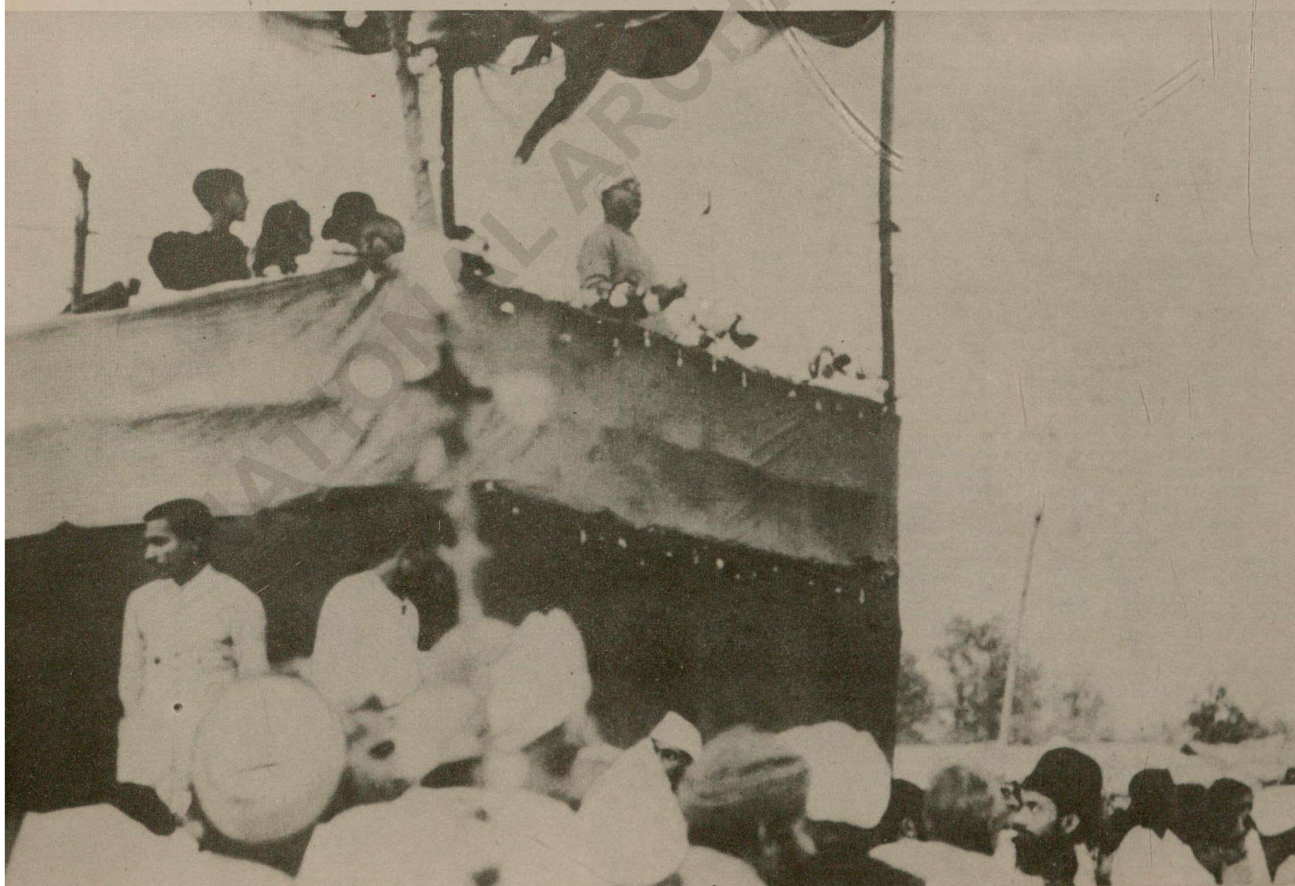


Top : At Kisannagar, Ramgarh, with Lala Sankerlal, Swami Sahajanand and others Bottom : Inspecting the Guard of Honour at Ramgarh





Top : Hoisting the National Tricolour at Ramgarh Bottom : Addressing the open session of the Anti-Compromise Conference



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As Congress President In 1938 the programme of action that Subhas Chandra Bose placed before his countrymen was based on his firm belief that India was ripe for revolution and complete independence. He, therefore, pleaded for an uncompromising relentless national struggle against the British on the broadest anti-imperialist basis. His world view of India's struggle was reflected in the concluding words of his Haripura Address: "Ours is a struggle not only against British Imperialism but against world imperialism as well of which the former is the keystone. We are, therefore, fighting not for the cause of India alone but of humanity as well. India freed means humanity saved."

Bose's efforts to stiffen the opposition of the Congress to any compromise with Britain caused serious dissatisfaction in the Right Wing of the party who were then looking forward to an understanding with the British. Moreover, Bose's view that the Indian National Congress should be organised on the broadest anti-imperialist front including peasant, labour, student and youth organisations with the two-fold objective of winning political freedom and establishing a socialist regime was contrary to that of Gandhi and the Right Wing who clearly desired a monopoly of national leadership to the exclusion of leftist and socialist forces.

Long before 1939, Bose was convinced that an international crisis in the form of a world war would break out soon and that India should make the fullest use of that crisis to win her freedom. Since September 1938 he had been openly propagating this view and trying to induce the Congress to shape its policy accordingly. In this he was opposed by the Right Wing who had no comprehension of coming international developments and who were eagerly looking forward to a compromise with Britain. Towards the end of 1938 Bose took another far-reaching step by setting up the National Planning Committee for drawing up a comprehensive plan of industrialisation and national development. This move caused his further alienation from Gandhi and the orthodox Congress leadership. Thus, already towards the end of his first term as President, the breach between Subhas Bose and the Gandhi Wing was wide. Therefore, when Bose made his bid for a second term as President early in 1939 he was vigorously opposed by the Right Wing. Nevertheless, he came out

victorious against Gandhi's candidate in the presidential election to the consternation of Gandhites and the British alike.

Bose attended Tripuri Congress in March 1939 despite serious illness. In his Tripuri Address he made the clear proposal that the Indian National Congress should send an ultimatum to the British Government demanding independence within six months and should simultaneously prepare for the final battle for power. His proposal was opposed by the Gandhi Wing and Nehru. Many of his erstwhile supporters in the election contest, particularly the Congress Socialists, also vacillated. The Right Wing succeeded in imposing such conditions on the President that he would not be in a position to appoint the National Executive of his choice, and that even if he did, the rightists would make it impossible for him to function.

Protracted negotiations took place between Gandhi and Bose following the Tripuri Congress, first through correspondence and finally on a person-to-person basis at Sodepur near Calcutta. They revealed on the one hand that the Gandhi Wing would not accept Bose's leadership and that, on the other, he would not agree to be a puppet President. Bose, therefore, resigned at the next meeting of the All-India Congress Committee in Calcutta at the end of April 1939.

After his defeat at Tripuri and the failure of his talks with Gandhi, Bose felt that in 1939 India's primary political need was a well-organised and disciplined Left Wing party. He, therefore, formed the Forward Bloc with a view to rallying the entire Left Wing under one banner. The immediate objective of the Bloc was an uncompromising struggle against British Imperialism not hampered by philosophical notions like Gandhian non-violence or any sentimental and ambivalent foreign policy advocated by Nehru. The ultimate objective of the Bloc was a new post-war socio-economic order in India on a socialist basis. When the second world war broke out in September 1939, Bose saw that the international crisis that he had forecast had arrived and felt that this was India's golden opportunity. He called upon his people to prepare for the final major assault on British Imperialism. On the other hand, the Congress Party under the leadership of Gandhi and Nehru wobbled and took to the path of collaboration and conciliation with the ruling power. At the Anti-Compromise Conference at

Ramgarh in March 1940, Subhas Chandra Bose declared:

"In India we are now ringing down the curtain on an age that is passing away The age of Imperialism is drawing to a close and the era of freedom, democracy and socialism looms ahead of us. India stands today at one of the crossroads of history...."

At that crossroad of history Bose felt deeply and without doubt that destiny was knocking at his door and that India was calling its liberator to the rescue. He, therefore, started considering actively how he and his enslaved countrymen could participate in the cataclysmic changes taking place throughout the world and in that process win freedom for their country. But then, the British Imperialists were not slow in acting. They threw him into prison in July 1940 and meant to keep him there for the duration of the war. In November 1940, Bose sent an ultimatum to the Government to say that if he was not released forthwith he would fast unto death. After he had fasted for a week the British Government developed cold feet and set him free.

The first step in the historic journey that he had planned for himself was thus accomplished. He was at home for about forty days when he meticulously planned his escape out of India. In the early hours of the 17th January 1941 he left home secretly in a car driven by his nephew Sisir. After an adventurous journey across the country, he crossed the North-West Frontier and reached Kabul, accompanied from Peshawar by Bhagat Ram Talwar a young Pathan. Bose stayed in Kabul for forty-five days in constant danger. Protracted and often frustrating negotiations with the German and Italian government representatives and the eventual agreement of the Soviet Government finally made it possible for him to leave Afghanistan for Germany through Russia on an Italian diplomatic passport with the name of Orlando Mazzotta in the third week of March 1941.



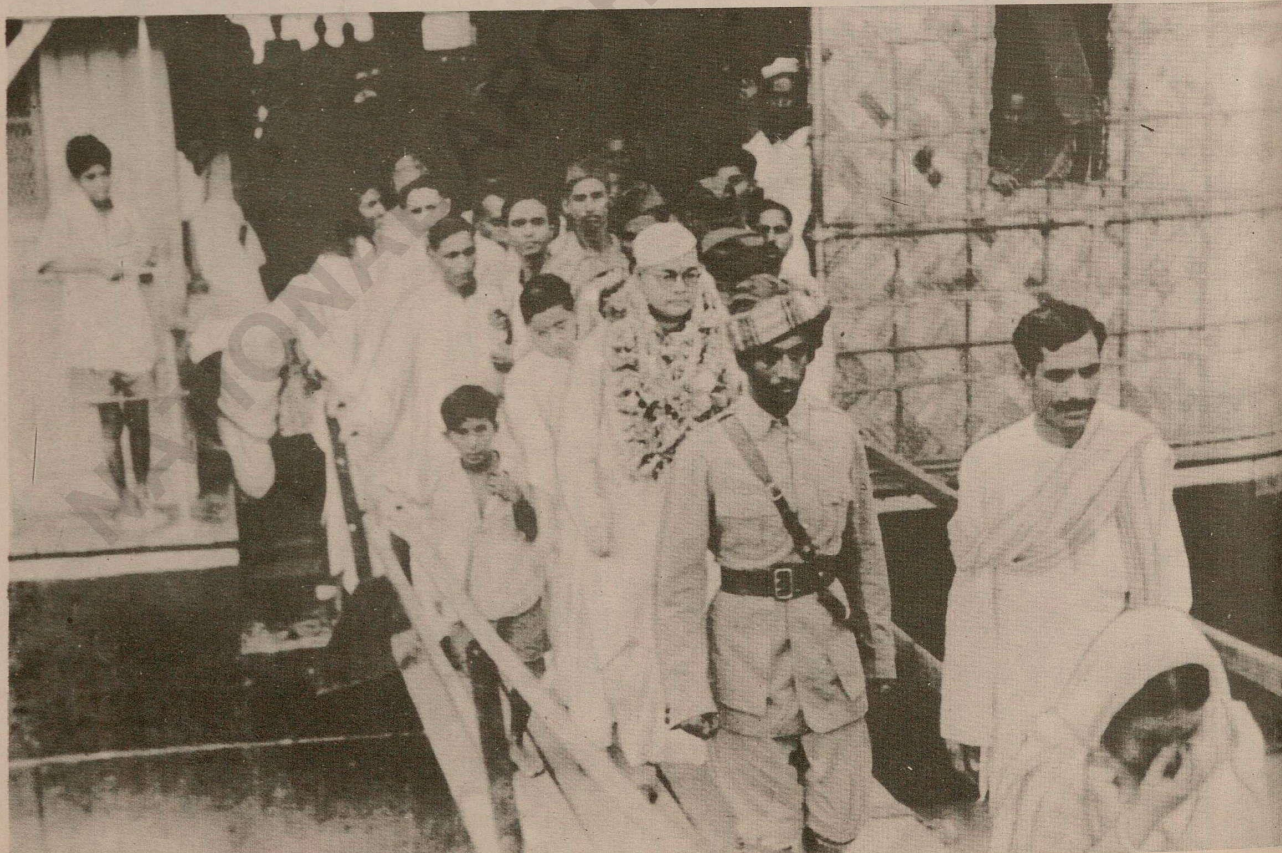
Top : At the grave of C. F. Andrews, April 1940 Bottom : Campaigning at Uluberia near Calcutta

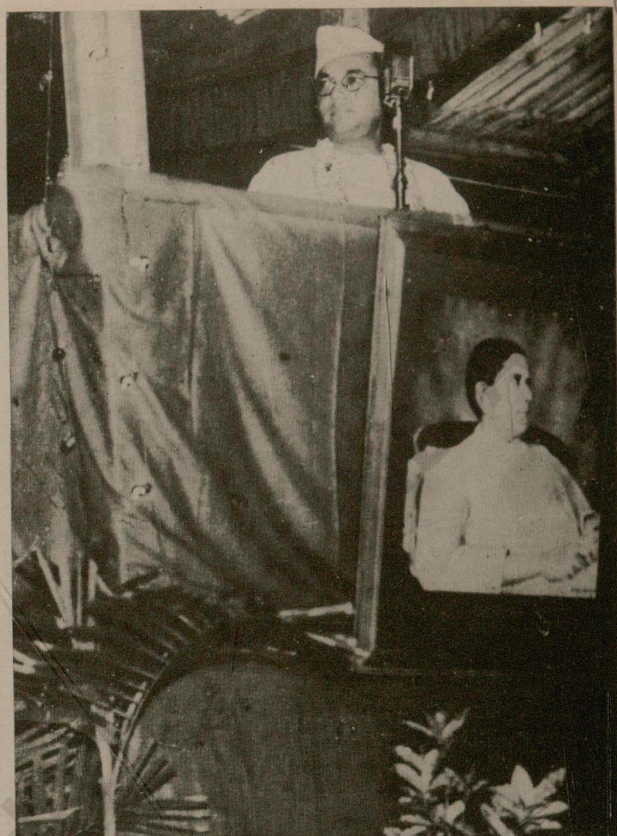
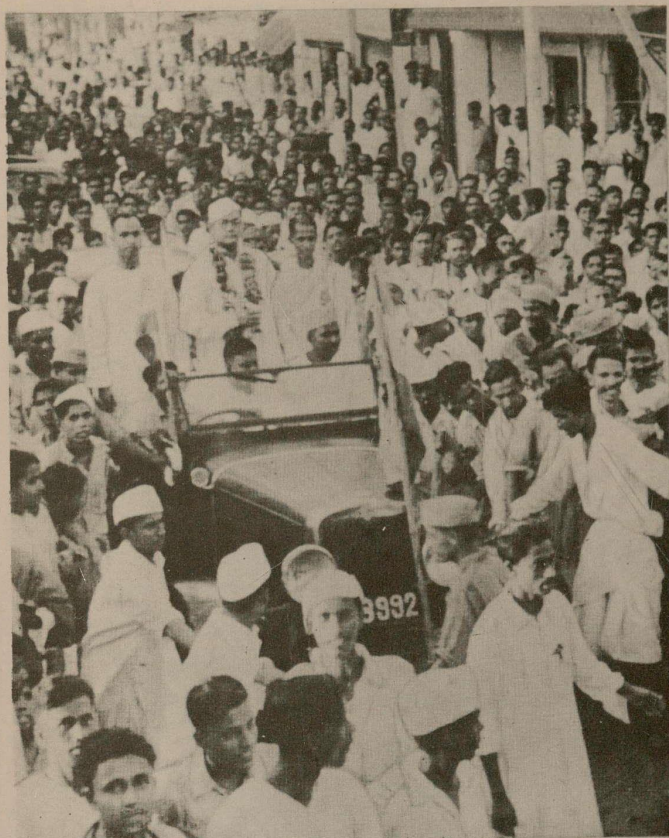


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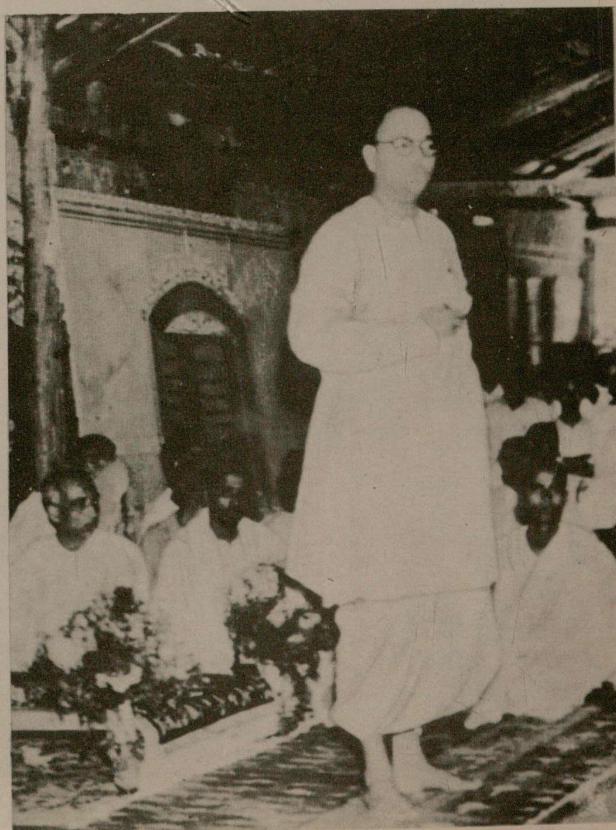
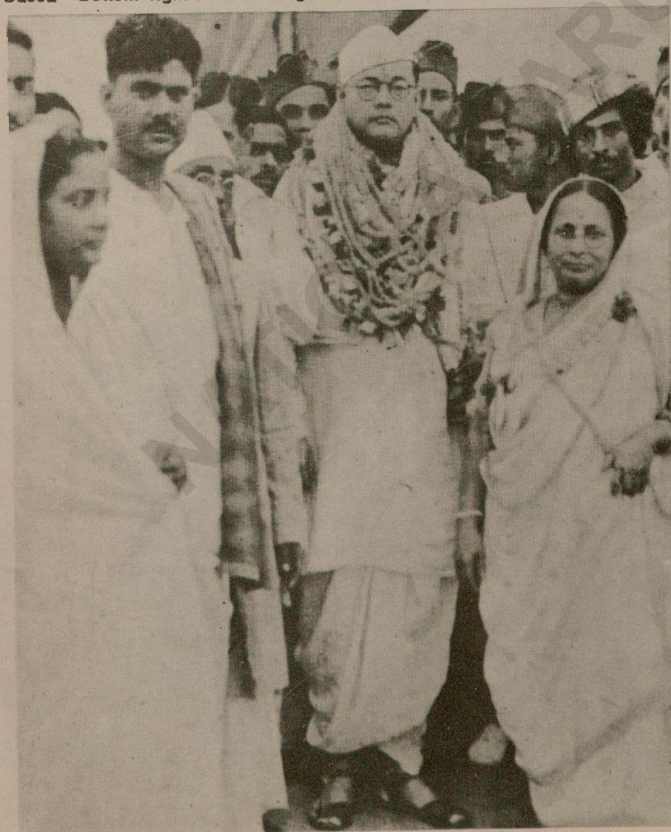


Top : At a reception at Bagnan in Howrah district Bottom : Arriving at Narayanganj for the Bengal Political Conference in Dacca, May 1940





Top left : Arriving in procession for the conference Top right : Delivering the inaugural address Bottom left : With fellow delegates at Dacca Bottom right : Addressing the conference

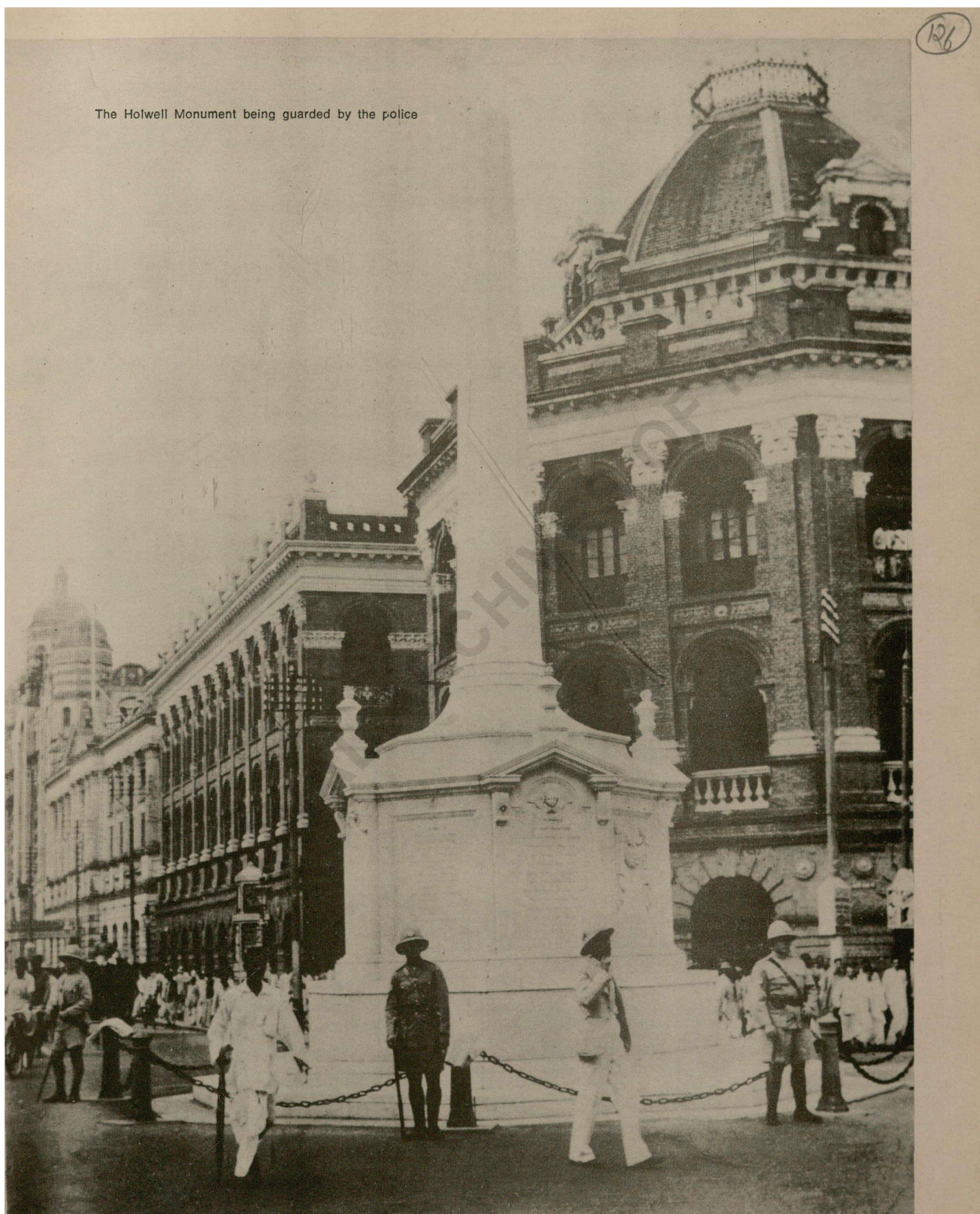




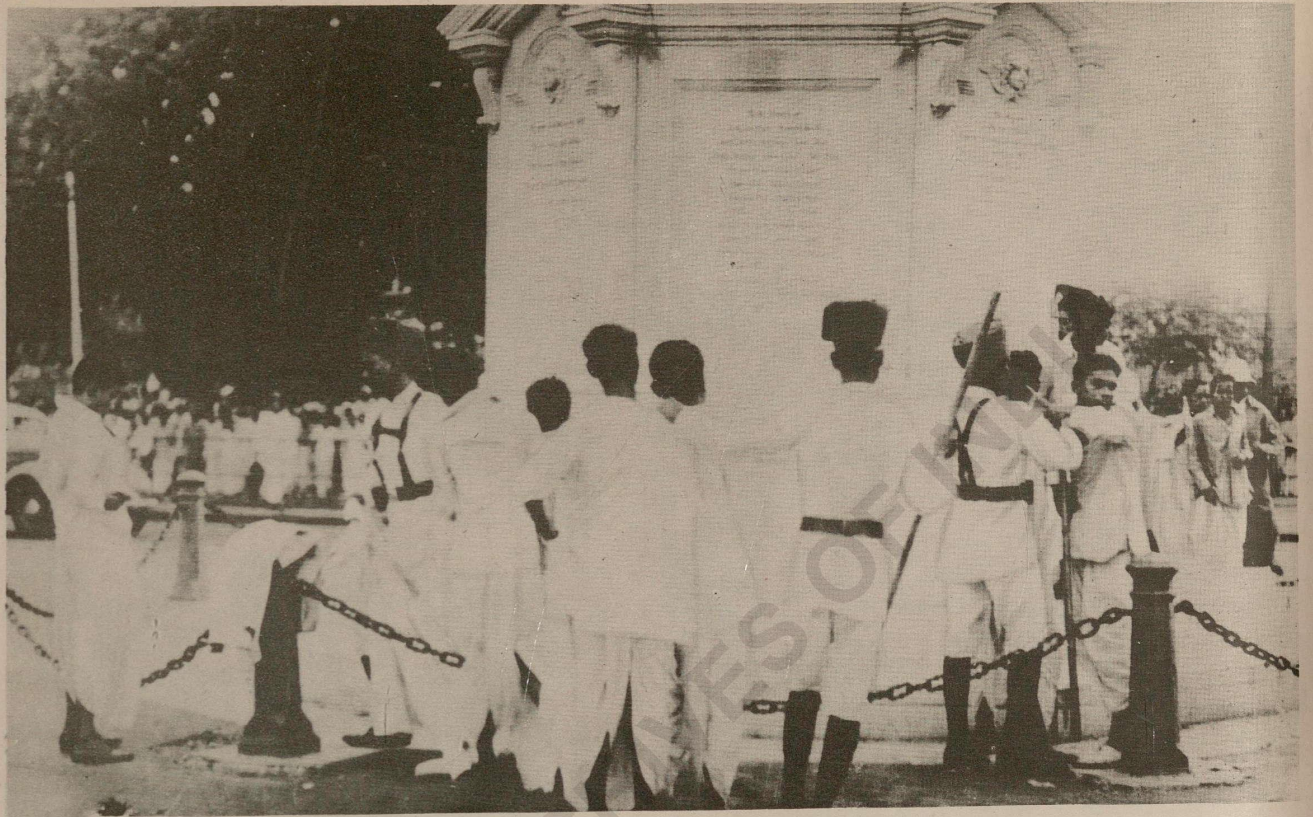
Top left: On the dais with other leading participants
 Top right: A tea party at Madaripur
 Bottom: Addressing a mass meeting at Faridpur
 The last major political conference in which Subhas Bose participated in Bengal was at Dacca in May 1940, where he renewed his call to his countrymen to prepare for the final assault on the British Power. On his return to Calcutta he announced his decision to lead a movement for the removal of the Holwell Monument near the Secretariat which symbolised "our slavery and humiliation". He was arrested before the proposed Satyagraha commenced on the 3rd July 1940. But his followers went ahead with the movement and the Government was eventually compelled to remove the hated monument.



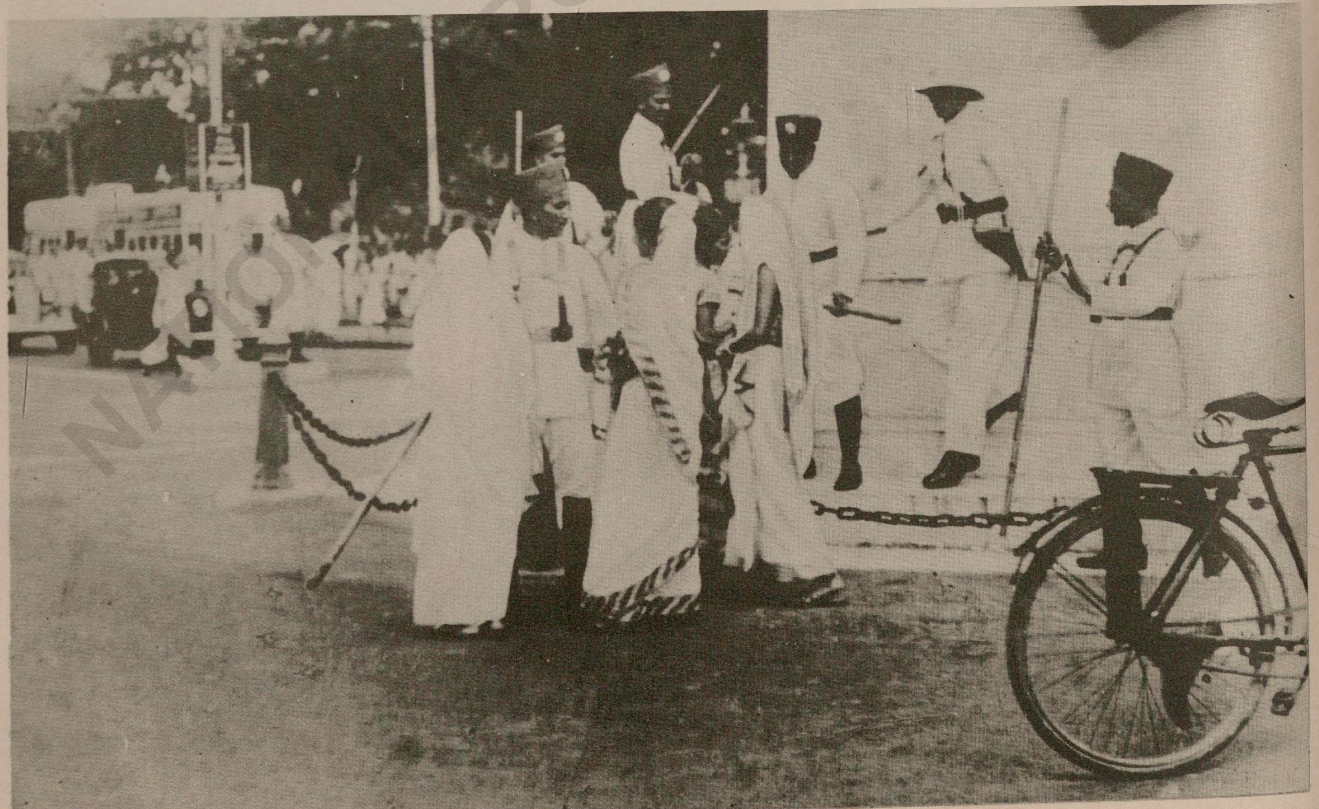
The Holwell Monument being guarded by the police

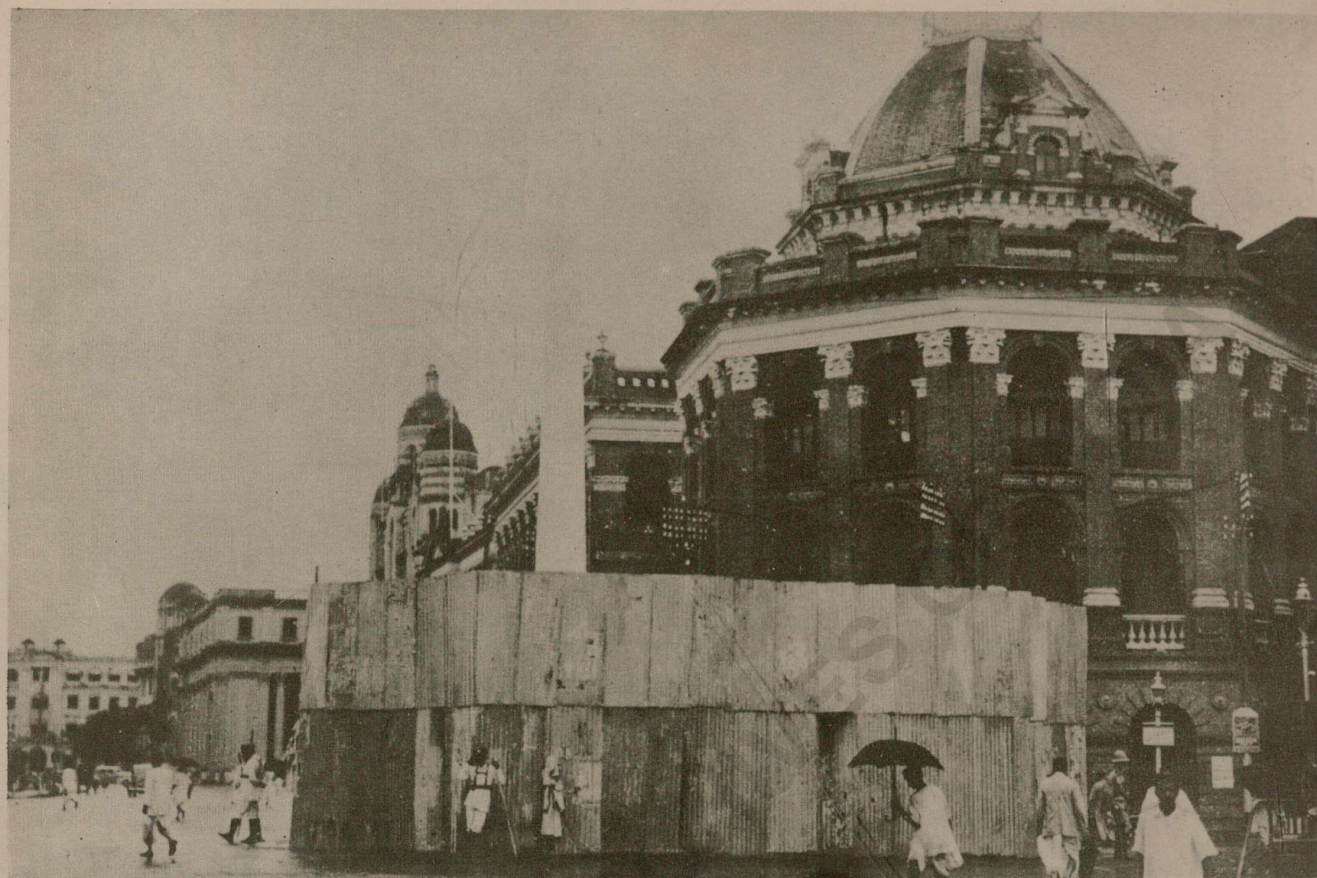


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Top : Satyagraha in front of the monument Bottom : Women volunteers join in the movement





Top : Dismantling of the monument in progress Bottom : The Holwell Monument is no more



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Lying in his bedroom after his release from prison on the 5th December 1940 following a week's hunger-strike. With him his mother, eldest brother and Calcutta's Mayor, Siddique



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Left: Ancestral house of the Bose family at 3812 Elgin Road, Calcutta, from where the Great Escape took place



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অপ্রত্যাশিতভাবে গৃহত্যাগ

গত রবিবার অপরাহ্ন হইতে শ্রীযুত সুভাষচন্দ্র বসুকে তাহার বাসভবনের কক্ষে দেখিতে না পাওয়ার তাহার বন্ধুবান্ধব ও আত্মীয়স্বজনবর্গের মধ্যে গভীর উদ্বেগের সঞ্চার হইয়াছে। গত ডিসেম্বর মাসের প্রথম সপ্তাহে কারাগার হইতে মুক্তিলাভের পর তিনি দিবারাত্র এই কক্ষে অবস্থান করিতেছিলেন।

সকলেই ইহা অবগত আছেন যে, তিনি অসুস্থ হইয়া পড়িয়াছিলেন। গত কয়েক-দিন ধাবণ তিনি সম্পূর্ণ মৌনাবলম্বন করেন এবং সকলের সহিত এমন কি আত্মীয়স্বজনের সহিতও দেখাসাক্ষাৎ বন্ধ করিয়া ধর্মচর্চার সময় অতিবাহিত করিতেছিলেন। তাহার স্বাস্থ্যের বর্তমান অবস্থা বিবেচনা করিয়া উদ্বেগের মাত্রা অধিকতর বৃদ্ধি পাইয়াছে। বিভিন্ন স্থানে অনুসন্ধান করিয়া কোন ফল হয় নাই এবং সংবাদ ছাপিতে দেওয়ার সময় পর্যন্ত তিনি গৃহে প্রত্যাবর্তন করেন নাই বলিয়া জানা গেল।

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AN INDEPENDENT ORGAN OF INDIAN NATIONALISM
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WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO S.J. SUBHAS CH. BOSE ?

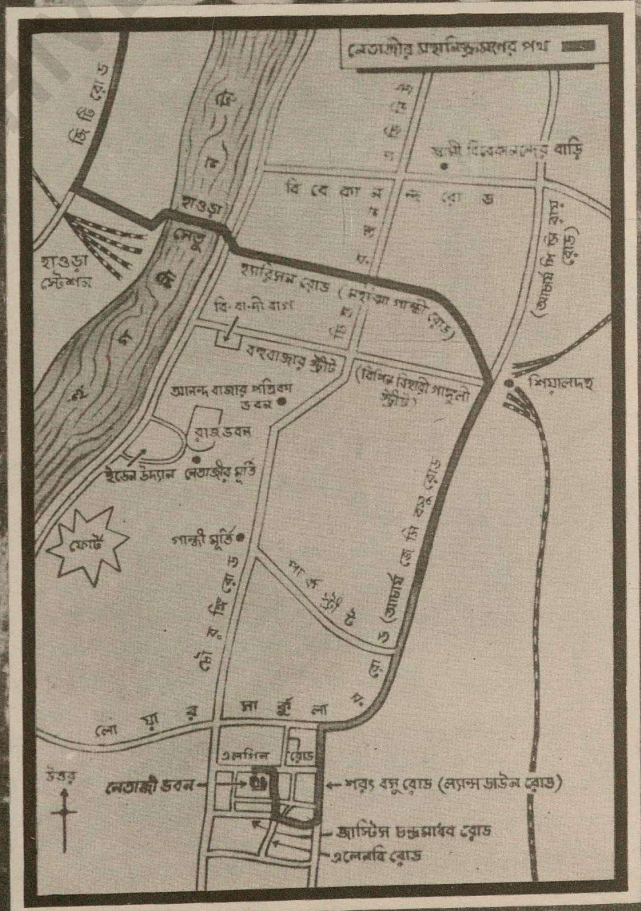
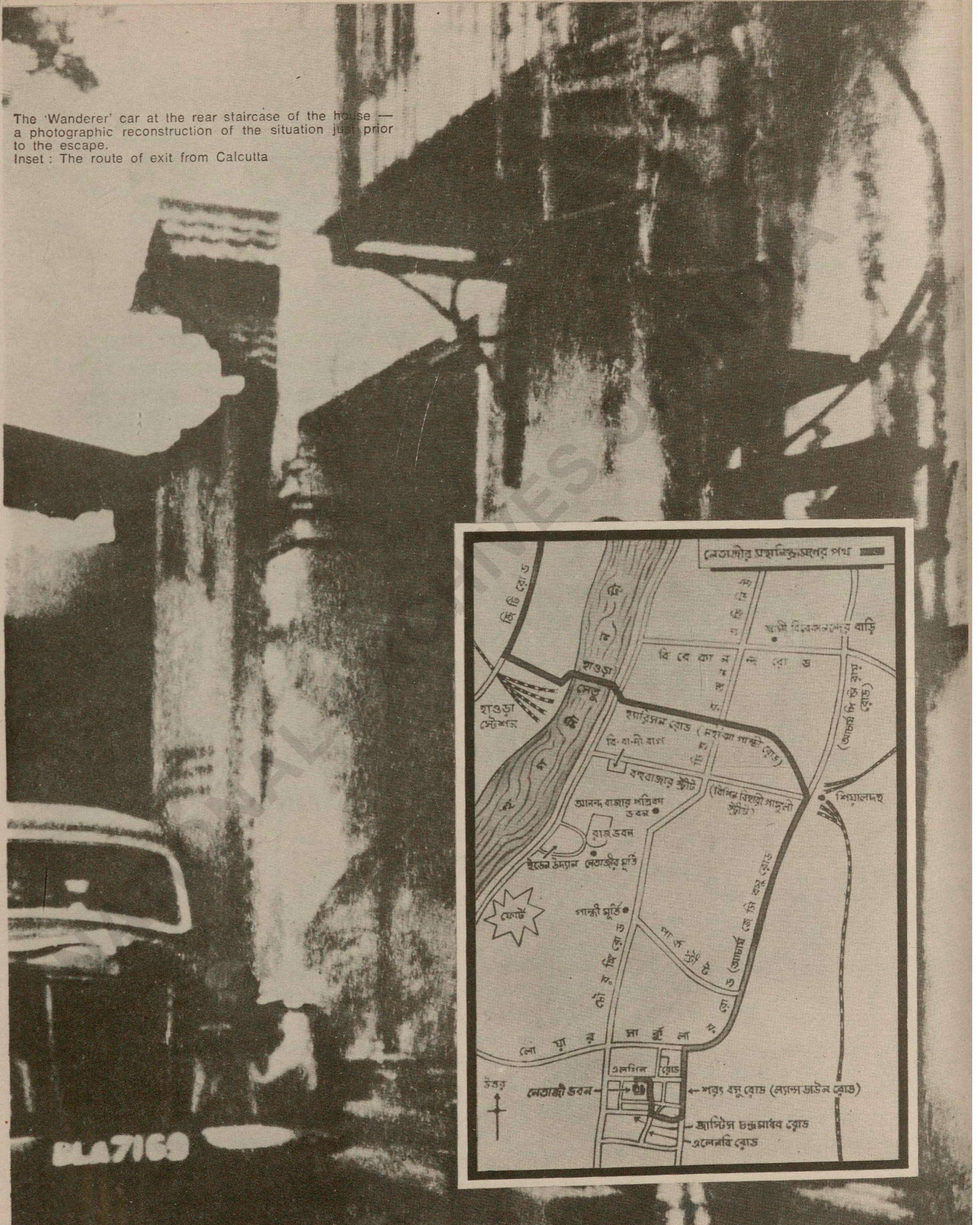
Unexpected Exit From Home

Great anxiety prevails amongst the relatives and friends of S.J. Subhas Bose since yesterday afternoon when it was noticed that he was not in his room where he was confined since his release from jail in the 1st week of December last. It is generally known that from the last few days he was observing strict silence and had not been seeing

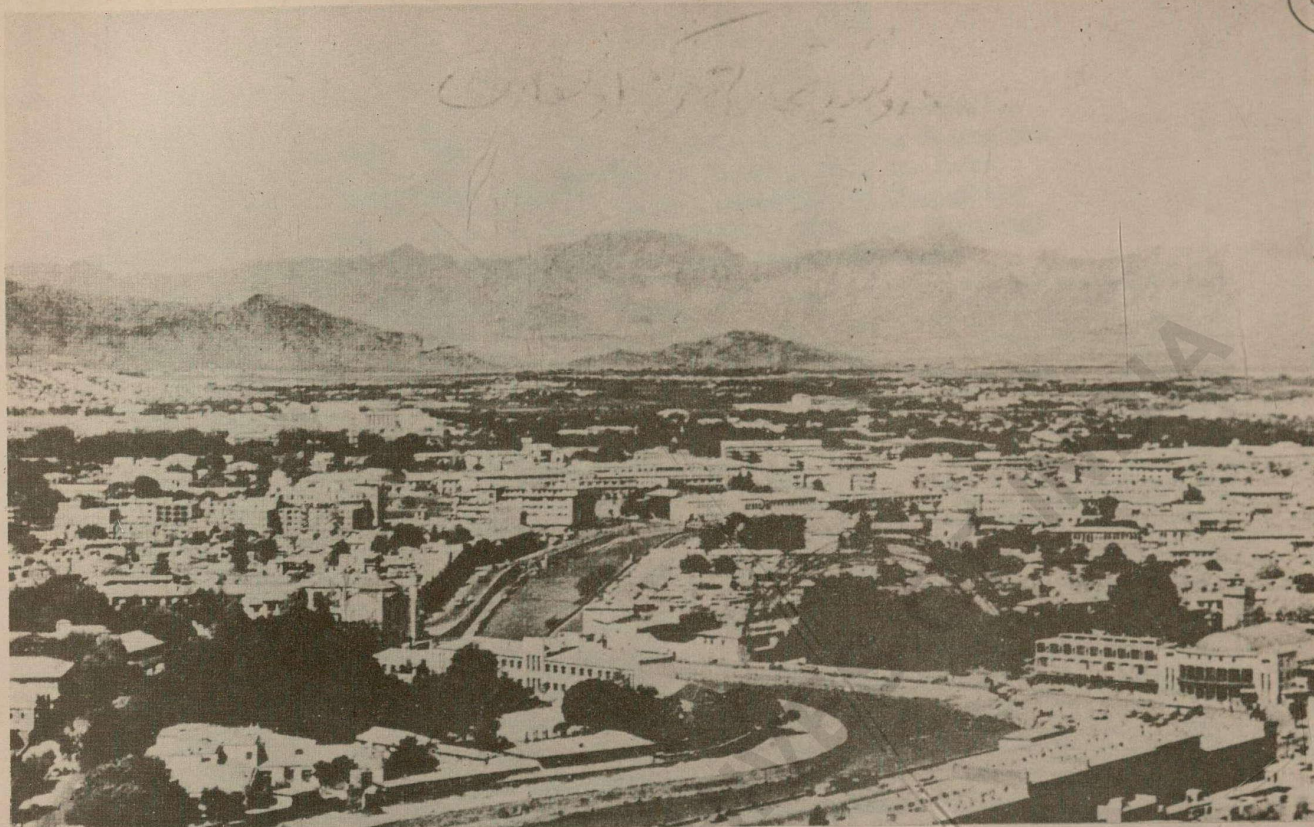
anybody not even the members of his family but has been spending his time in religious practices. Anxiety is all the more acute on account of his present state of health.

Enquiries have been made at various places about him but up to the time of going to the Press we understand he has not returned home.

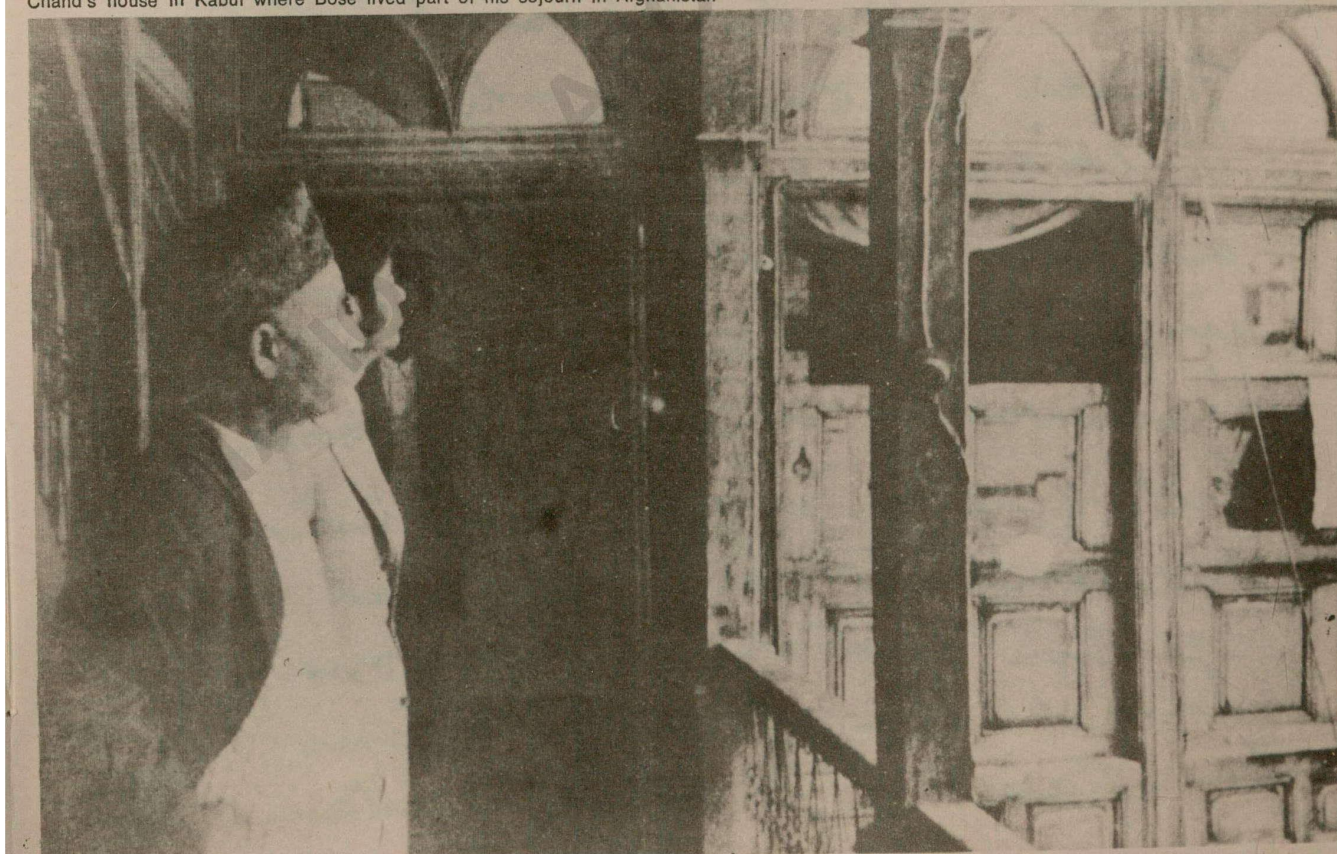
The 'Wanderer' car at the rear staircase of the house — a photographic reconstruction of the situation just prior to the escape.
Inset: The route of exit from Calcutta



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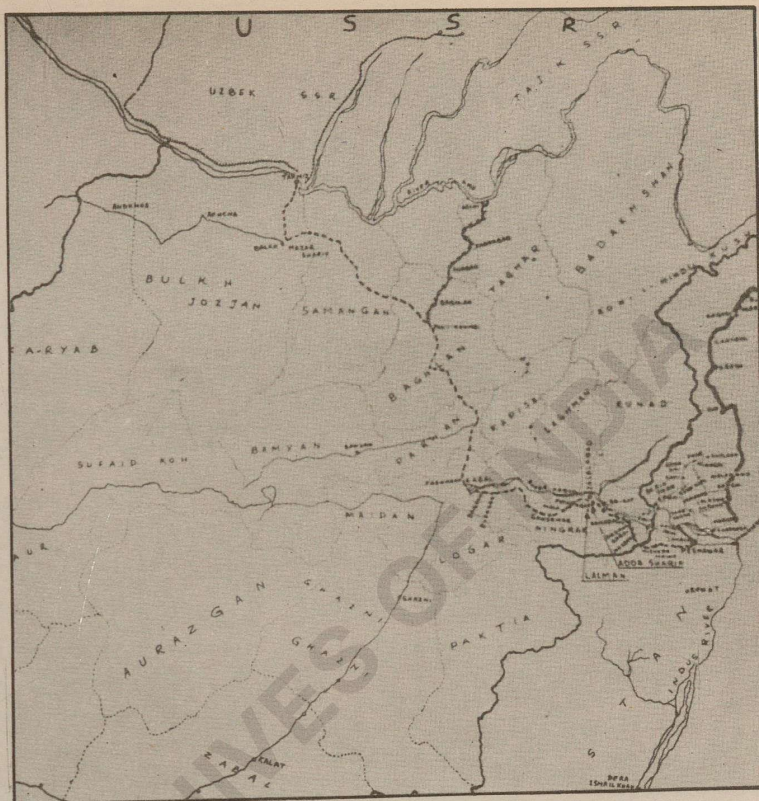


Top : A general view of Kabul where Subhas Bose spent one and half months before leaving for Germany/ Bottom : A look at the room in Uttam Chand's house in Kabul where Bose lived part of his sojourn in Afghanistan



Map of Afghanistan and tribal territories between that country and India showing in dotted line the route taken by Subhas Chandra Bose for his journey from Peshawar to Kabul and then from Kabul to the Soviet frontier at Termez

Bottom: A page from a political thesis written by Bose while in Kabul and brought back to India by his escort Bhagat Ram and delivered to Sarat Chandra Bose



different individuals and organisations claim to be Leftist, how are we to decide who are - and who are not - genuine Leftist?

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Berlin, den 4. März 1941.

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Ich habe dem I t a l i e n i s c h e n Gesandtschaftsträger heute auf Grund des Telegramms Nr.470 aus Moskau mitgeteilt, dass die Sowjetregierung bereit sei, dem Inder Bose den Durchreisesichtvermerk zur Reise von Afghanistan nach Deutschland zu geben, und hinzugefügt, Bose könne dann ja von hier aus die Verbindung mit Italien aufnehmen.

Wormann

Telegramm (Geh.Ch.V.)

Kabul, den 17. März 41 18.30 Uhr

Ankunft " " " " 19.10 Uhr

Nr. 103 vom 17. März 41

x) Pol VII 1121 g I Auf Telegramm von 14. Nr. 69 x)
(Reise Bose) Plan Reise durch Iran fallengelassen, nachdem Sowjetbotschaft Durchreisesichtvermerk erteilt hat und B. wahrscheinlich von hier am 18. März abreisen wird. B. reist unter Decknamen Orlando Mazzotta mit italienischem Reisepass Nr. 647932 vom 10. März 1941. Werde drahten, sobald Übertritt afghanisch-russische Grenze hier bekannt geworden.

Pilger.

U. St. S. Pol. Nr. 176

Berlin, the 4th March 1941

I have today informed the Italian Charge de Affairs on the basis of the telegram No. 470 from Moscow that the Soviet Government is ready to give the Indian Bose a transit visa for journey from Afghanistan to Germany, and have added that Bose could afterwards establish contact with Italy from here.

Sd. Woermann

(Text of secret note of German State Secretary Woermann confirming arrangements between the three powers Germany, Italy and Soviet Russia for Bose's journey across Russia to Germany)

Telegram (Secret Ch. V.)

Kabul, the 17th March 41 18.30 hrs.
Received here " " " 19.10 hrs.

No. 103 of the 17th March 41

Reference Telegram No. 14.69 x)

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(Bose's journey)

The plan of journey through Iran dropped after the Soviet Embassy issued transit visa, and B. will probably leave here on the 18th March. B. is travelling under the cover name of Orlando Mazzotta with Italian passport No. 647932 dated the 10th March 1941. Shall wire as soon as the news of crossing of the Afghan-Russian border is received here.

Pilger

(Text of secret message of German Minister in Kabul, Pilger, to the German Foreign Office conveying details of final arrangements of Bose's journey from Kabul to Berlin via Moscow)

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Subhas Bose on his arrival in Berlin, April 1941





Top : At his desk working under the cover name of Orlando Mazzotta Bottom : With Indian comrades in Germany



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At his residence in Berlin with a German friend

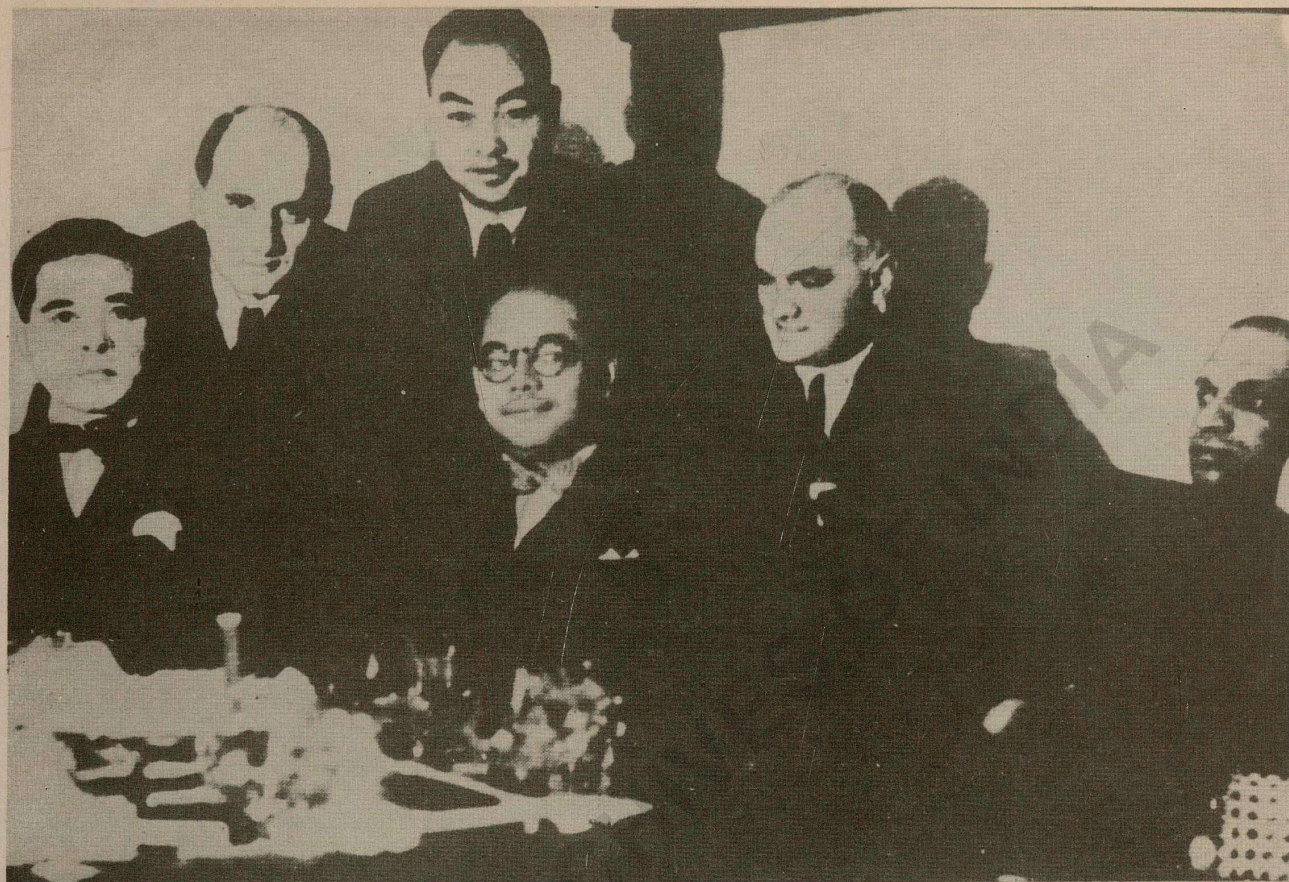
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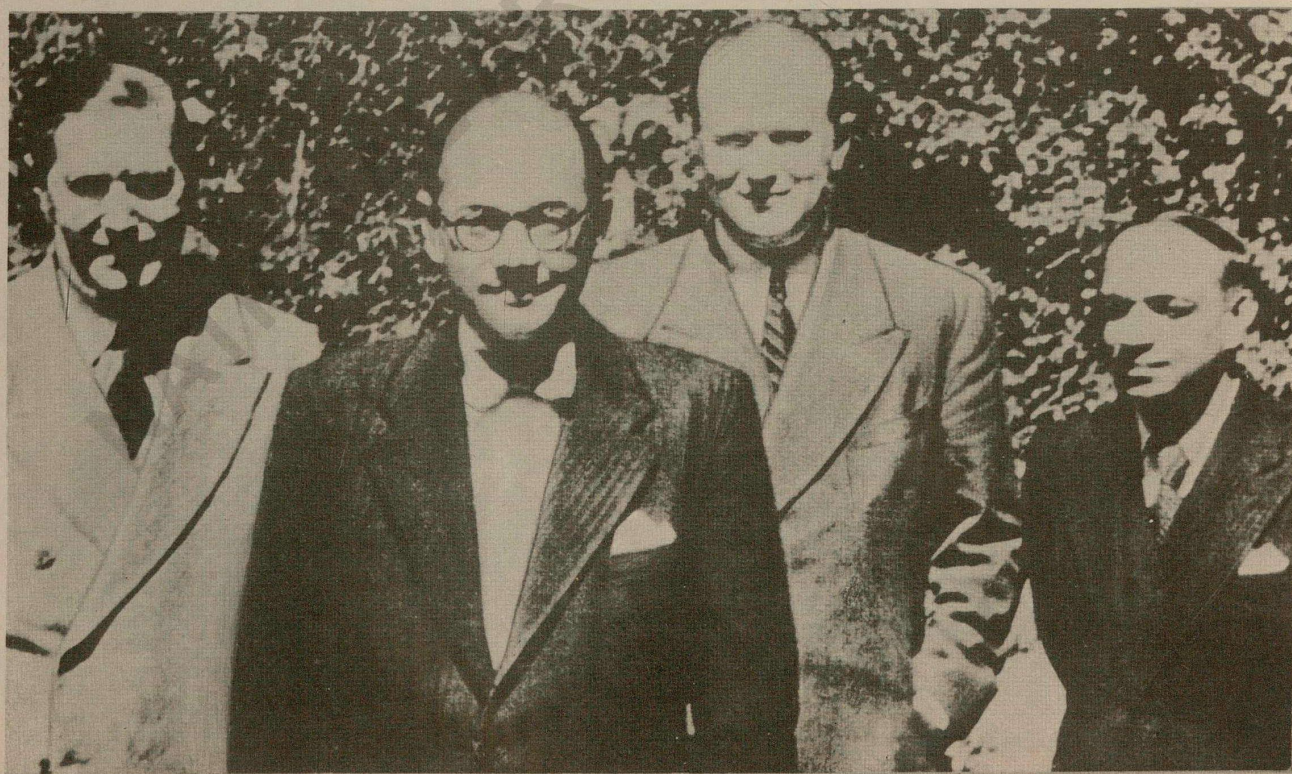


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With foreign diplomats and A. C. N. Nambler in Berlin, 1942

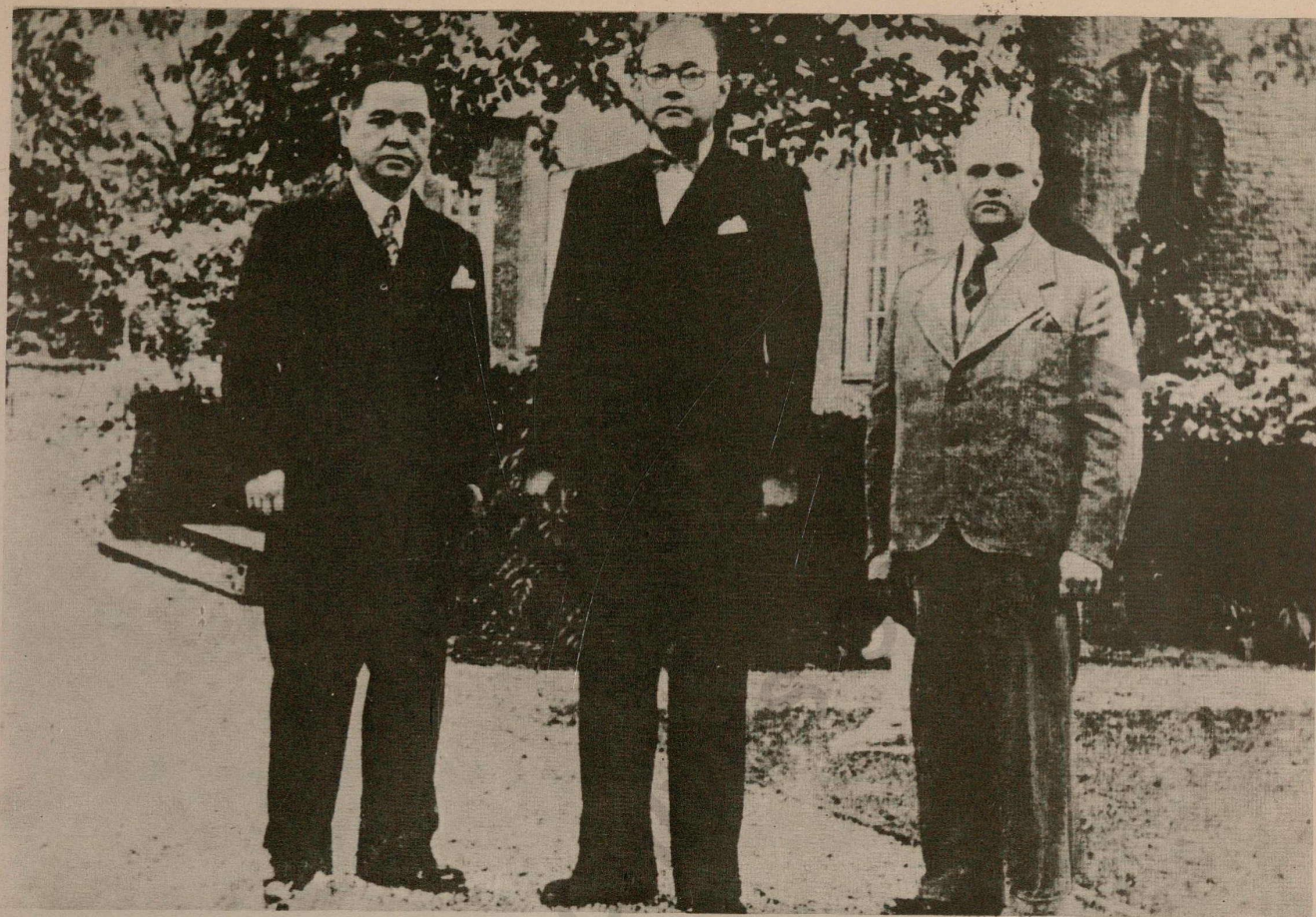


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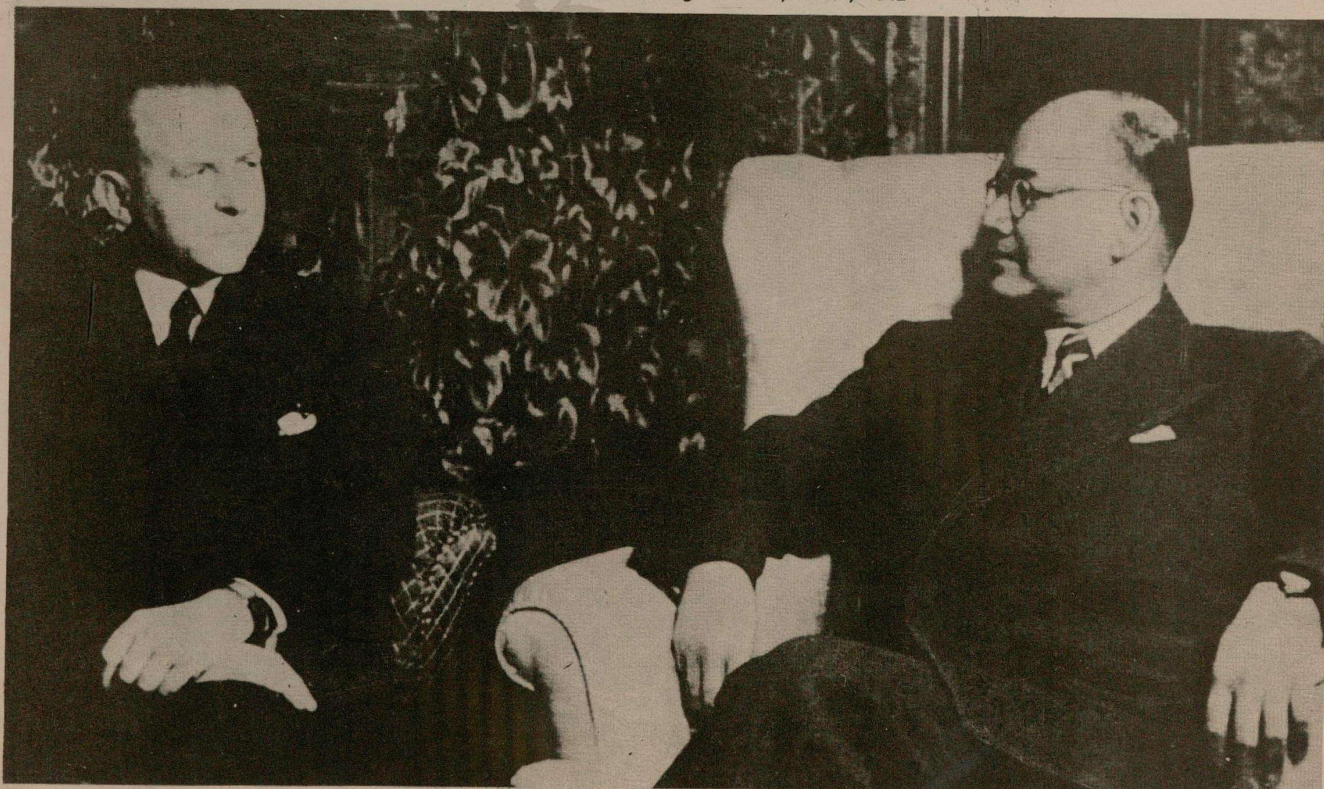
A portrait Berlin, 1942



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Top : With Yamamoto and Ganpuley at his residence Bottom : Receiving a visitor, Berlin, 1942



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In the garden of his house in Berlin



My dear Mrs. Vetter,

Through our common friends I have kept myself informed about you. Owing to the conditions under which I have been living here, it was not possible at first to get into touch with you. Afterwards, I heard of the terrible bereavement which overtook you. As there was a possibility of my going to Vienna, I decided not to write to you but to meet you personally when I was there. Unfortunately, when I arrived there, you were away. As I do not know if I shall be coming to Vienna in the near future, I am writing this letter. First of all, let me convey my sincerest condolence to you on your saddest bereavement. Since I had the privilege of knowing President Vetter so intimately and since I respected and admired him so much, I can appreciate the loss that you have suffered. In these hard times, may God give you strength to put up with all the trials that you are having to face.

There is much that I would like to talk to you about, if I could meet you. For that purpose a letter is not a suitable medium. Please let me know your present address, as well as your future movements so that I may look out for the possibility of meeting you personally.

Before I conclude, I should like to thank you once again from the bottom of my heart for all the kindness I have received at your hands in the past.

Assuring you of my deepest esteem,

I am, yours ever sincerely,

Subhas Chandra Bose

P.S. Please address me on the cover as O. MAZZOTTA.

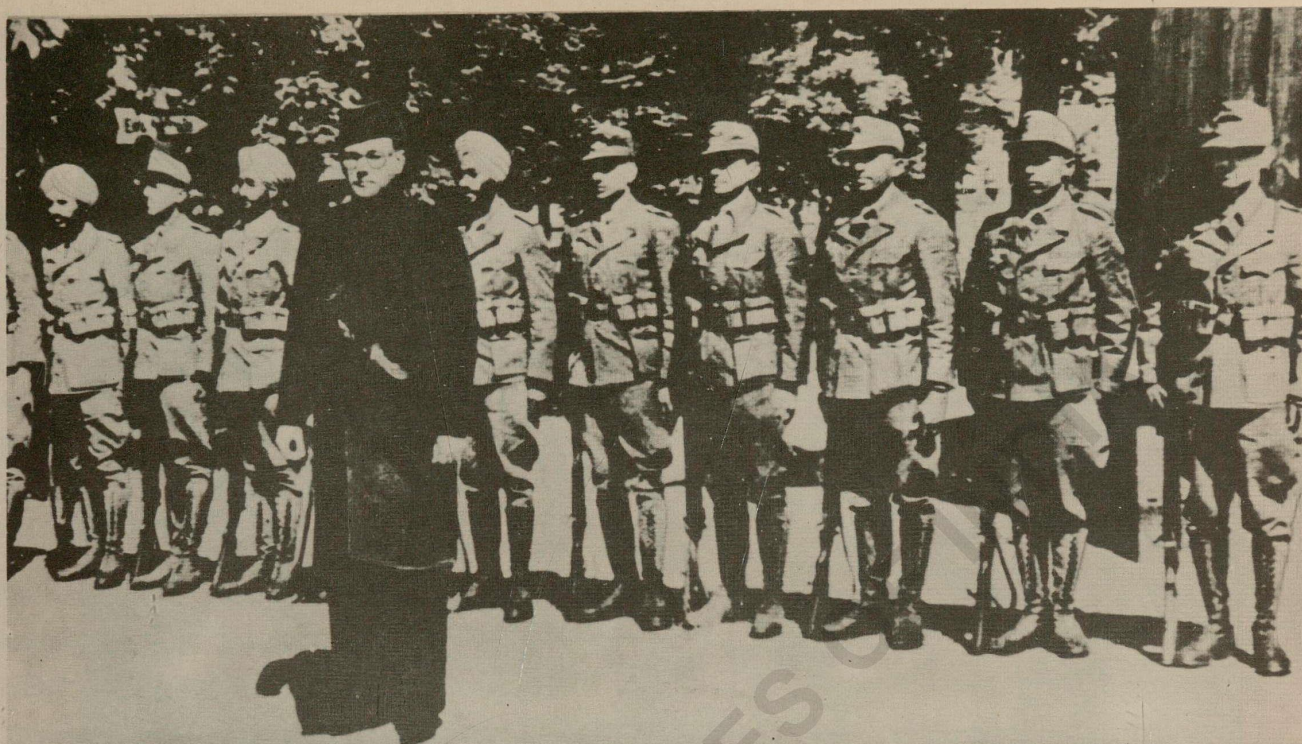
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In Berlin, 1942

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Top : With the first officers' corps of Indian Legion in Europe Bottom left : With Walter Harbich, German training officer
Bottom right : Addressing his men in the field



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آج اور سب سے پہلے

آج کے دن درجہ سال لکھنا کام آئے بعد لیکن کوئی بوجھ نہیں۔ یہ ادھر سب لڑی ہوئی
 رہتے رہے کا کام ہے۔ اپنا کام کرنا کرتے ہوئے کامیاب ہو گئے ہیں۔ جرمی سٹانڈا
 اور چوسٹن کے مابین میں مفقود محبت آدھ لکھا بیٹھی ہو گئی ہے اور
 خود سبوں کیلئے لیکن ایک وطن سے ملے ہوئی ہے۔ انہوں نے ساری لیجن کے
 ممبروں کی محبت اور کھیر و سہاواں کر کے

لیجن کو ایک ایک دستہ میں بنایا ہے جو کہ رستے کے قابل اور رستے پر تیار ہے۔ پہلی اور دوسری پانچویں کے نام کر کے سب بالائے زمین کی آغوشوں کو جو اس لیے بنائی گئے ہیں کہ یہاں پر ان کے لیے ہے۔ لیجن کا اکھبر پر ارادہ ہے۔

کہ آدم نہ کریں۔ بلکہ کوشش ہے اور
جس نے جس نے جیتا کیسوں اور اعلیٰ سے
اعلیٰ خبر ہے حاصل کریں۔ پاکستان
کی تباہی میں حصہ لینا اس قدر روشن مقصد
ہے۔ خود کشیوں کو معدوم ہے کہ محوری
کی فترت حصہ دستیابی کی آزادی
کا شروع ہوگا۔ اور بحسن آزادی

کی خاطر مر قسّم کی قربانی پر تیار ہے۔ لیکن اُسے اُوپر کا میل یا قابضانہ
اور بریٹ لینڈنٹ مل کر اپنے کی رہنمائی میں لیجن موقع پر عملی ایسا فرض
بجائے کہ اپنے بڑے کام کو پورا کریں۔ اور لیجن کے لیجن دینی اور طاقت
کی نفاذ کرتی ہے۔ اور قسّم معافی ہے۔ کہ آئندہ اہل وفادار کی وجہت
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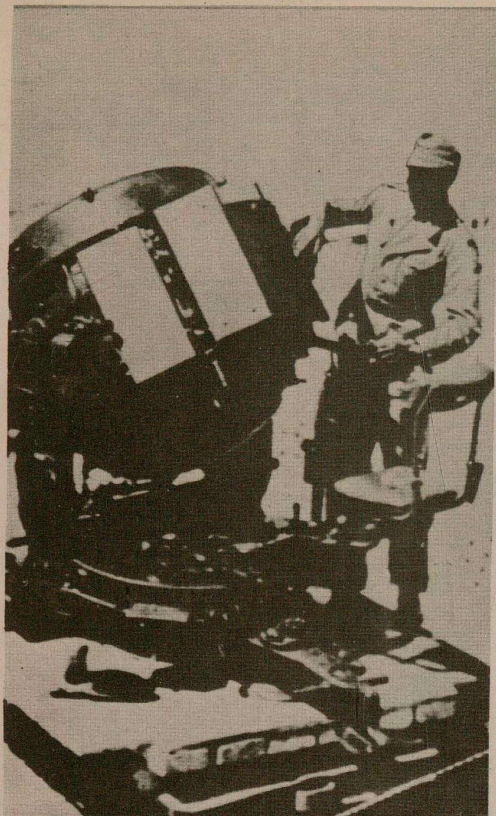
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مرچے نے فرنگیوں سے لجن و فتنہ کر لیا
مرد و عورت ہوا۔ شروع میں ان لوگوں
کا ساتھ نہ ملتا تھا۔ ساتھ ساتھ
کی آزادی کی جنگ اپنے پیغاموں کی
سکھائی دینی کے لیے تیار ہوا تھا۔

ادوار۔ حضرتان کی آمد کی کی جلد کہنے
بمختاروں کی تعلیم لینے پر تیار ہوئے تو
کا دست چھوٹا تھا۔ مگر دہریہ شیطانی
ہوئے کہ وہ دو مشعلات اور ٹکڑے جو
کہ تانبے کی تھیں ان کو کھجور سے ڈالنے
پر لے آئے لیکن کام پر لگانا تھا

جس اکسٹریکٹ کے ساتھ اسلی ٹیپ گری دی گئی ہے۔ جملہ میٹیریل
 کے دو کپڑوں کے ساتھ ایک کاپی کے ساتھ ہوا اور اس کے ساتھ
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Top : INA men at military installations on the East coast of Europe Bottom : Route march of the Indian Legion



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Top : At work at his desk in Berlin, 1942 Bottom : Face to face with Adolf Hitler, May 1942



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Top : With pressmen in Berlin Bottom : Speaking at the inauguration of the Indo-German Friendship Society in Hamburg, 1942



Leader of Azad Hind

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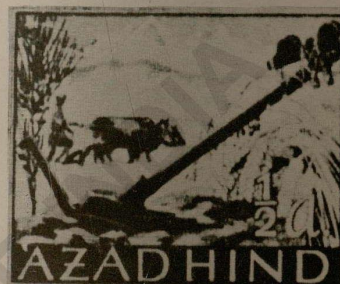


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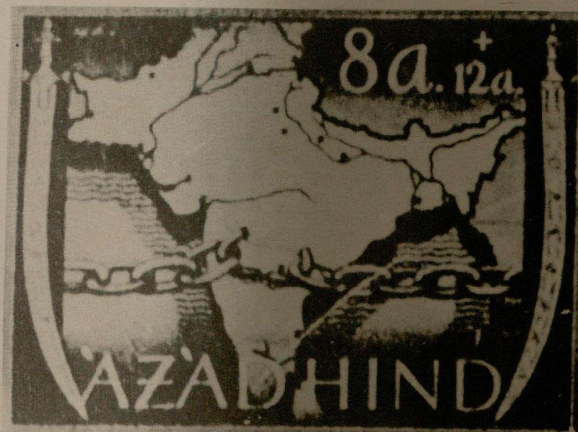


Top : At the inaugural meeting of the Indo-German Friendship Society in Hamburg Bottom : Addressing the Indian Legion at their camp





Postage stamps printed in Germany for use in Free India



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One of the last portraits taken in Europe



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Top : With Werner Musenberg, Captain of the submarine in which he travelled to the East Bottom : With Abid Hasan on the submarine

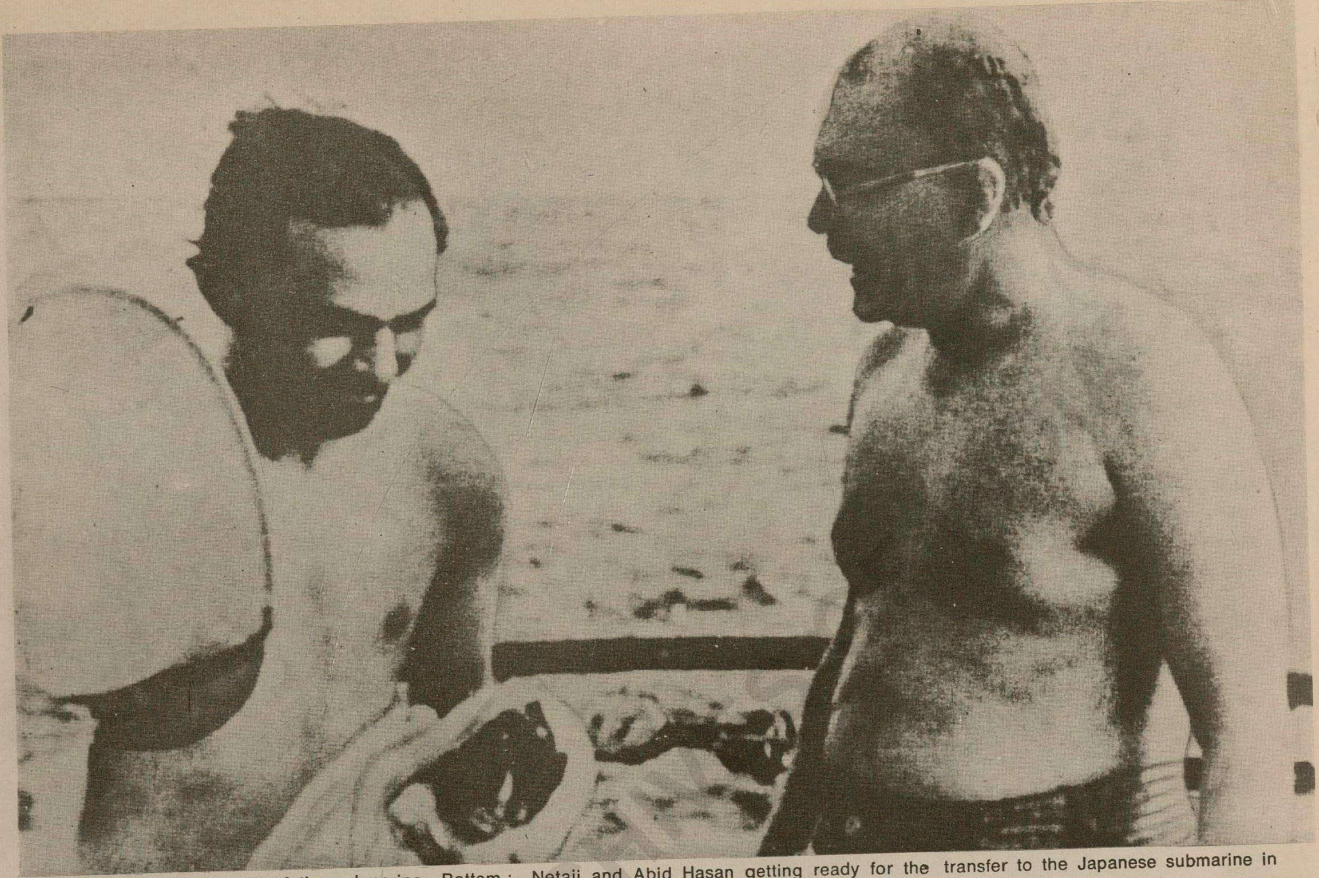




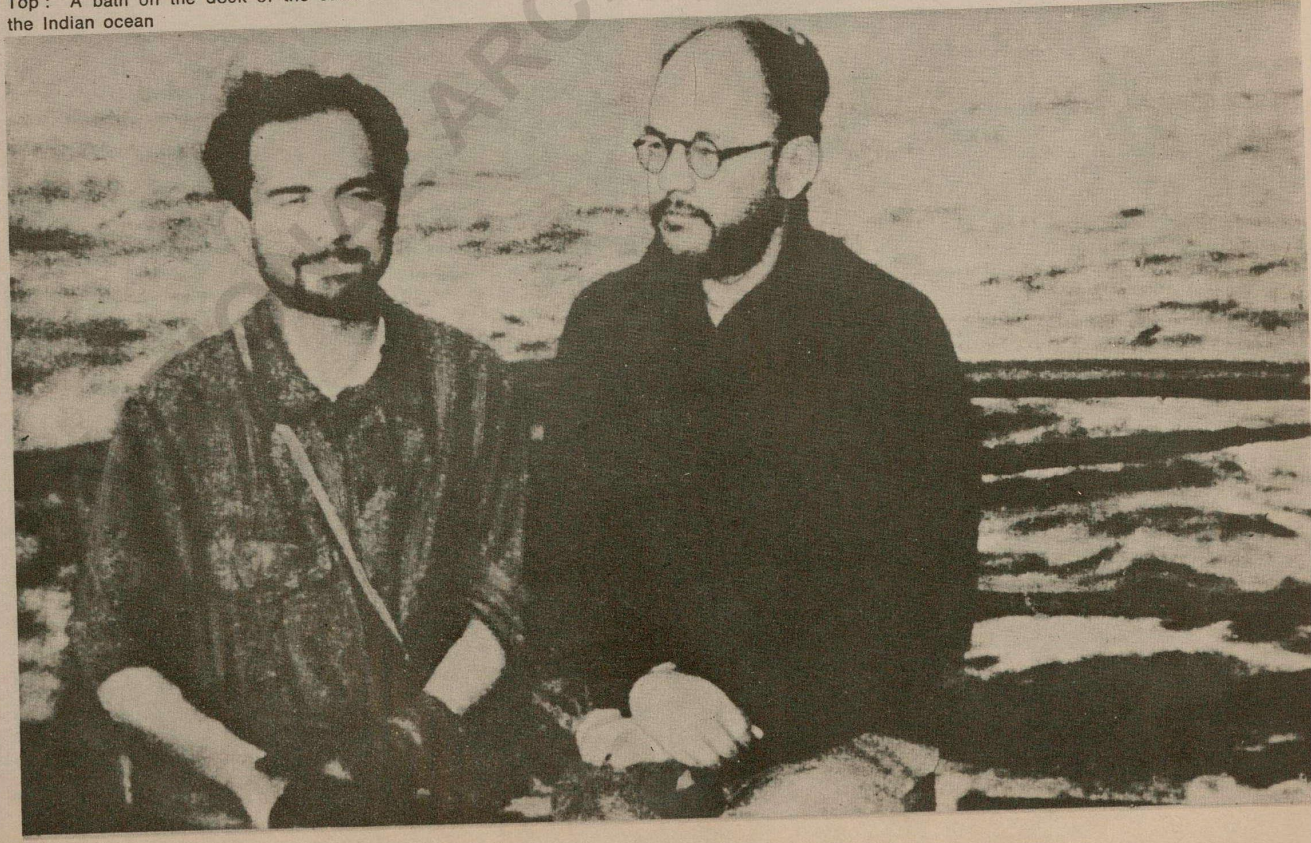
Pictures taken during the submarine journey, February-May 1943



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Top : A bath on the deck of the submarine Bottom : Netaji and Abid Hasan getting ready for the transfer to the Japanese submarine in the Indian ocean

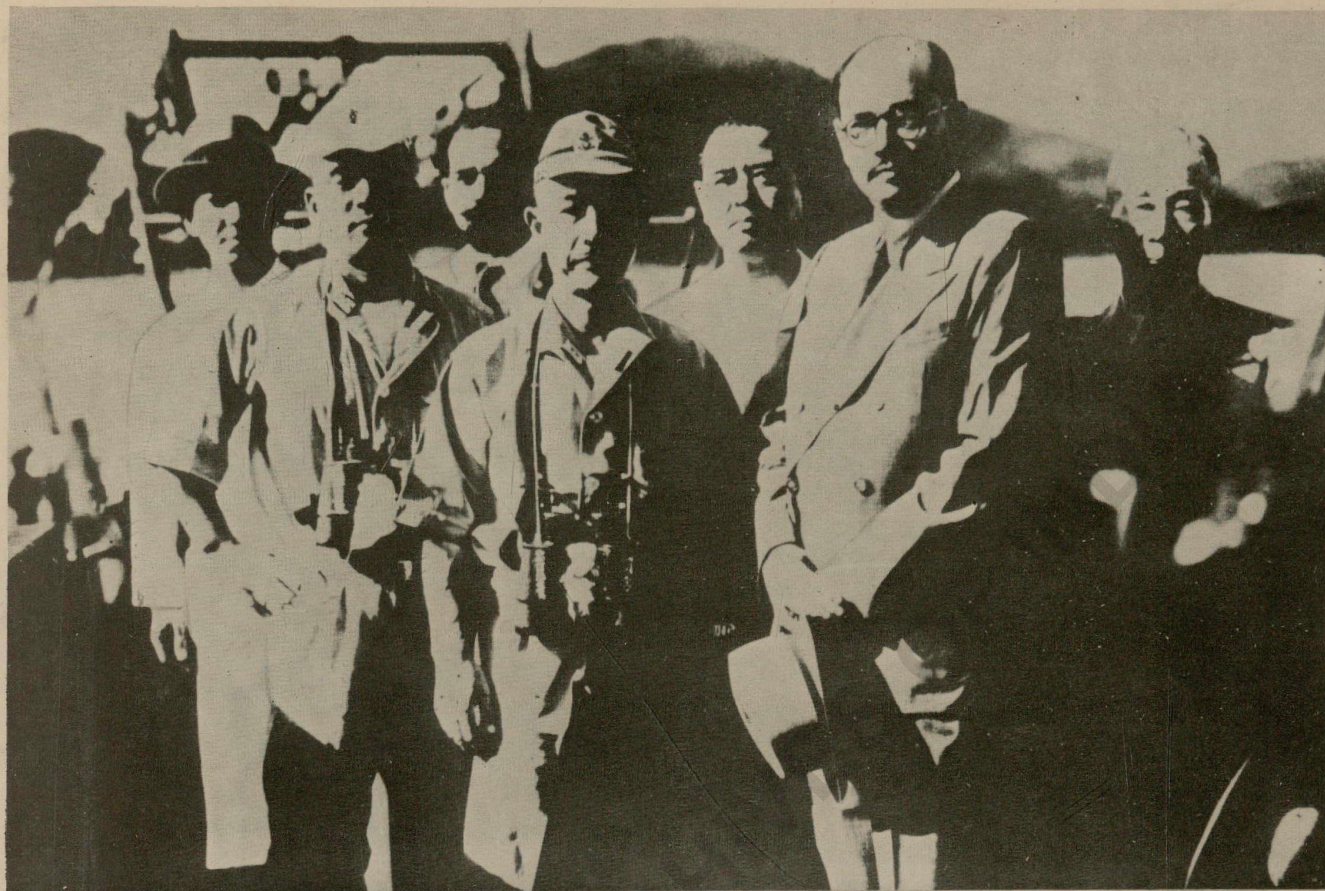




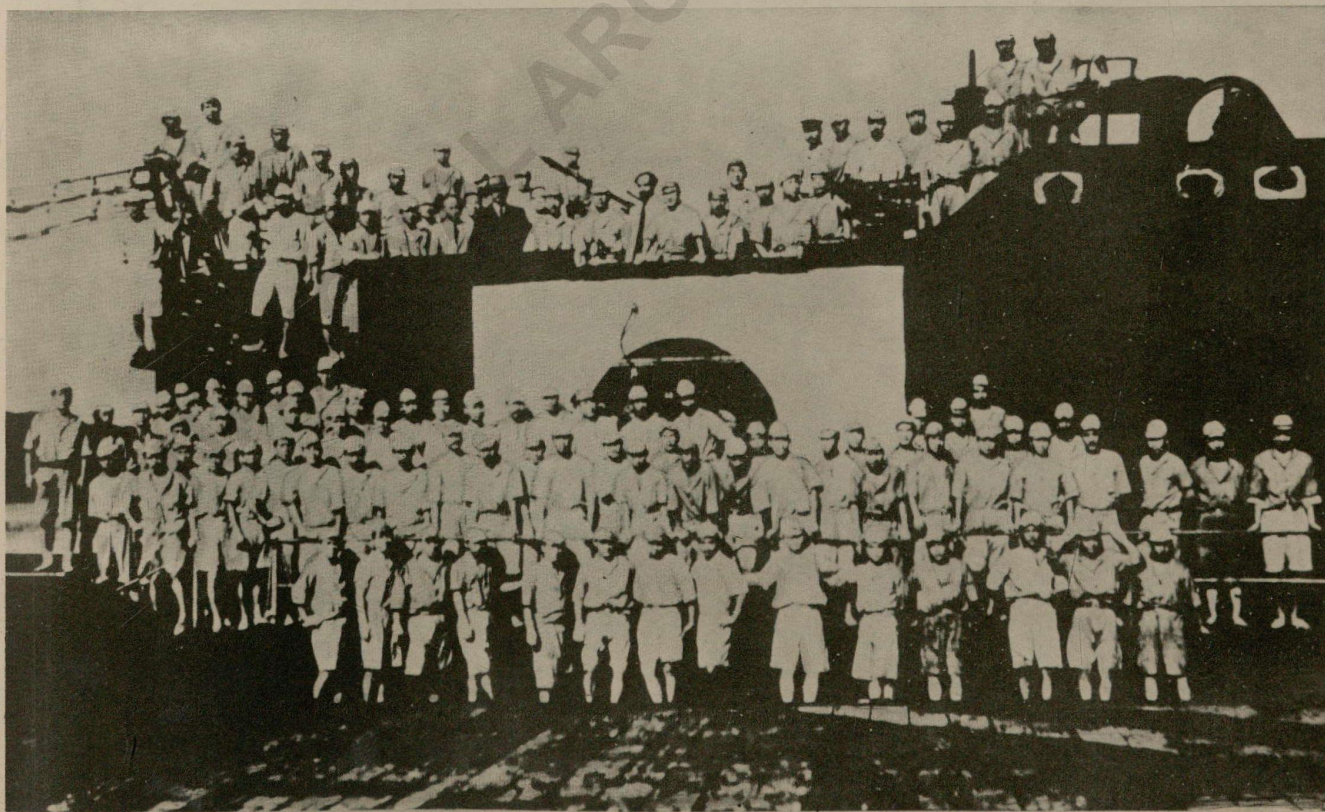
Top : The life-jacket is on before the critical transfer Bottom : In the rubber-boat by which he was transferred from the German to the Japanese submarine



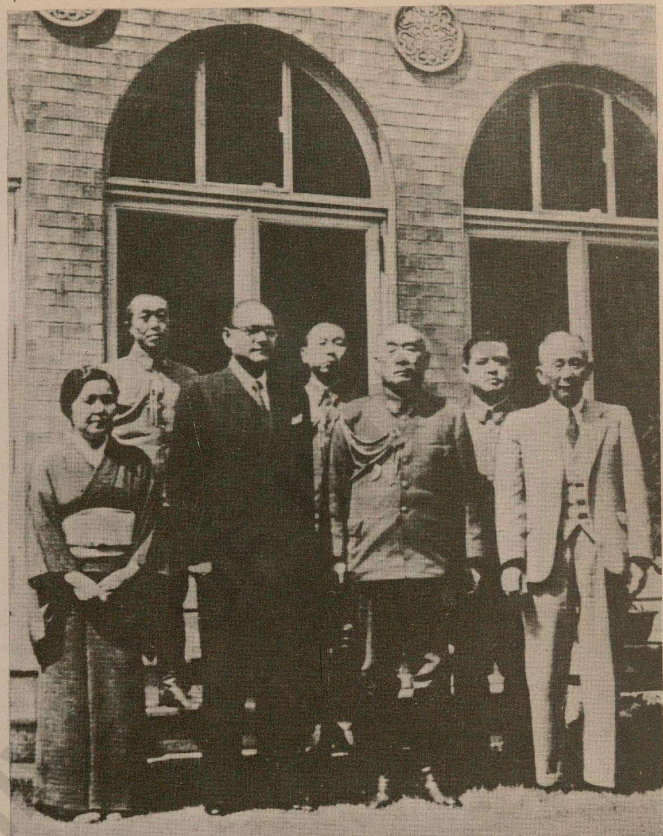




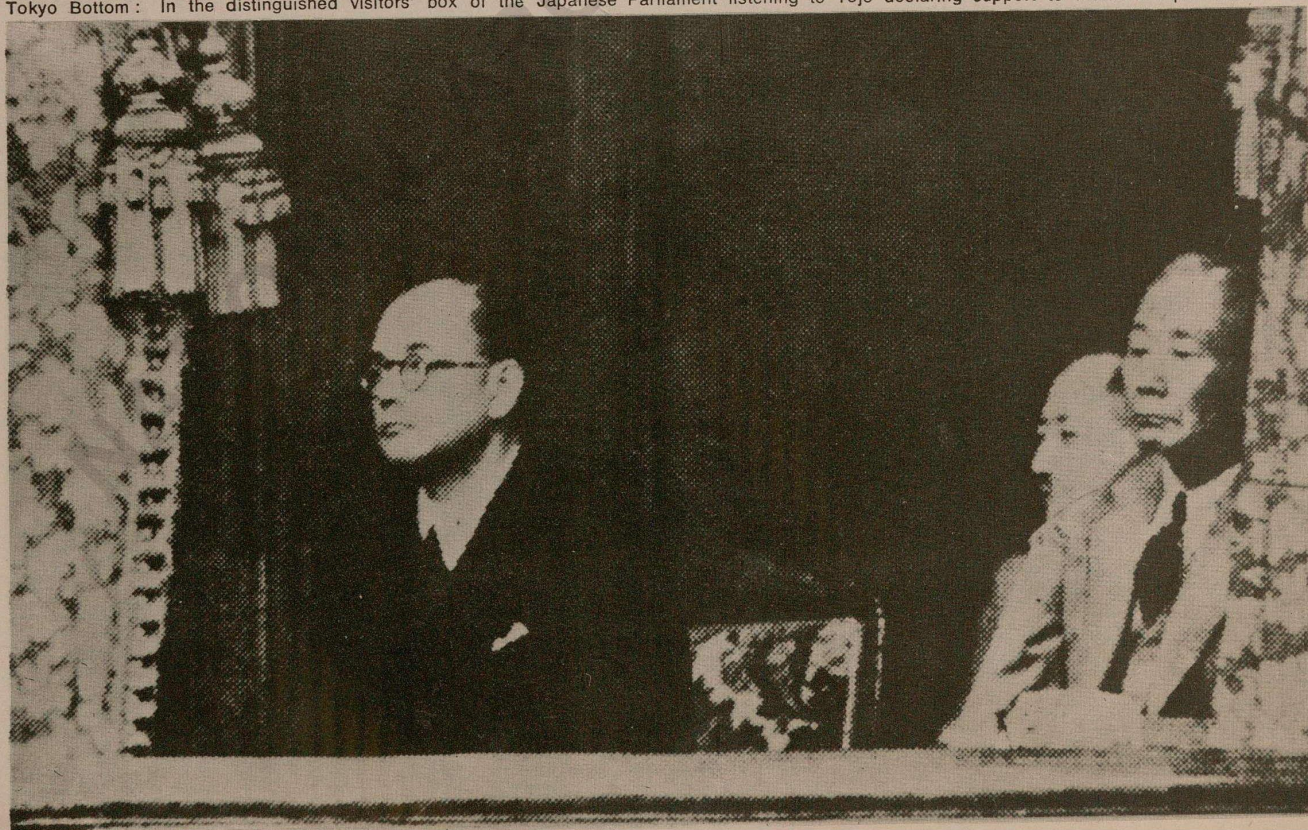
Top : Arrival and reception at Sabang, Sumatra, May 1943 Bottom : With the entire crew of the Japanese submarine



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Top left: Photograph taken after arrival in Tokyo, June 1943 Top right: With high Japanese military and diplomatic personnel at Hotel Imperial, Tokyo Bottom: In the distinguished visitors' box of the Japanese Parliament listening to Tojo declaring support to Indian independence



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A portrait, Tokyo, June 1943

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Nippon Times

Evening

550,000 MINERS IN U.S. RESUME GENERAL STRIKE

MINERS in the United States resumed their general strike today after a brief respite. The strike, which began last week, has paralyzed the coal industry and has caused a shortage of coal in many parts of the country.

H. W. Turkey Suffers Two Severe Quakes

ISTANBUL, Turkey, July 10.—Two severe earthquakes struck Turkey today, causing considerable damage and loss of life. The first quake, which occurred at 10:15 a.m., had a magnitude of 6.5 on the Richter scale. The second quake, which occurred at 4:30 p.m., had a magnitude of 6.0. Both quakes were felt throughout the country.

BIG GAINS MADE IN N. CHINA WAR

Composite Results
Of Imperial Army
In May Announced

BEIJING, July 10.—The Japanese Imperial Army today announced the composite results of its operations in North China for the month of May. The results showed that the army had made significant gains in the region, including the capture of several key cities and the destruction of large numbers of enemy forces.

SUBHAS BOSE DELIVERS FIRST JAPAN BROADCAST TO HOMELAND EXHORTING UNFALTERING EFFORT IN GLORIOUS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM FROM BRITAIN

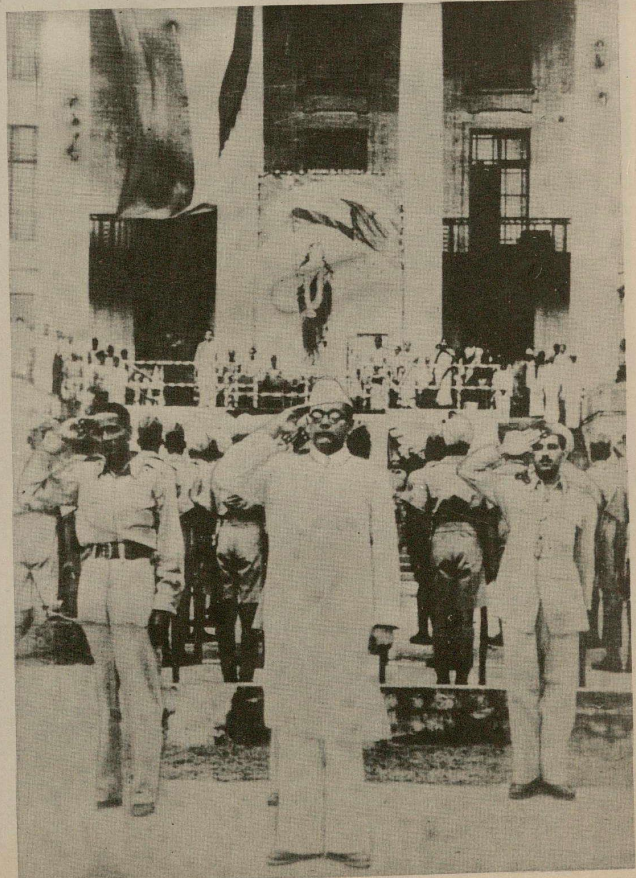


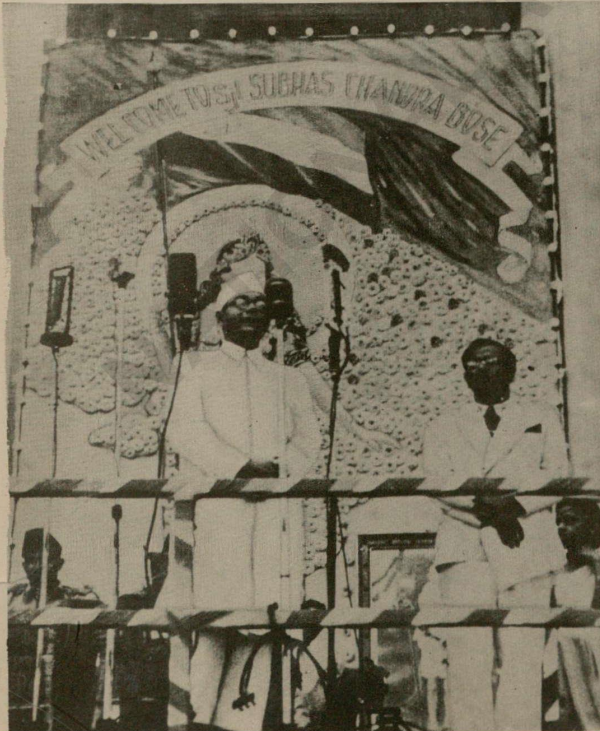
SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE delivering his first broadcast to India from Japan.

Imperial Army Now at India's Frontier,
Declares Leader, Again Stressing Pledge
By Tojo to Offer Unlimited Aid in Need

DELHI, July 10.—Subhas Chandra Bose, leader of the Indian National Congress, today delivered his first broadcast to India from Japan. In the broadcast, he exhorted the Indian people to make an unfaltering effort in the glorious fight for freedom from British rule. He declared that the Imperial Japanese Army was now at India's frontier and that the Japanese government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Tojo, was ready to offer unlimited aid to the Indian people in their struggle for freedom. Bose also stressed the importance of unity among the Indian people and urged them to stand together in the face of British oppression.

Top: Front page of Nippon Times reporting Netaji's first broadcast to India Bottom left: Arrival at Singapore airport, July 1943 Bottom right: At the first mass rally at Singapore

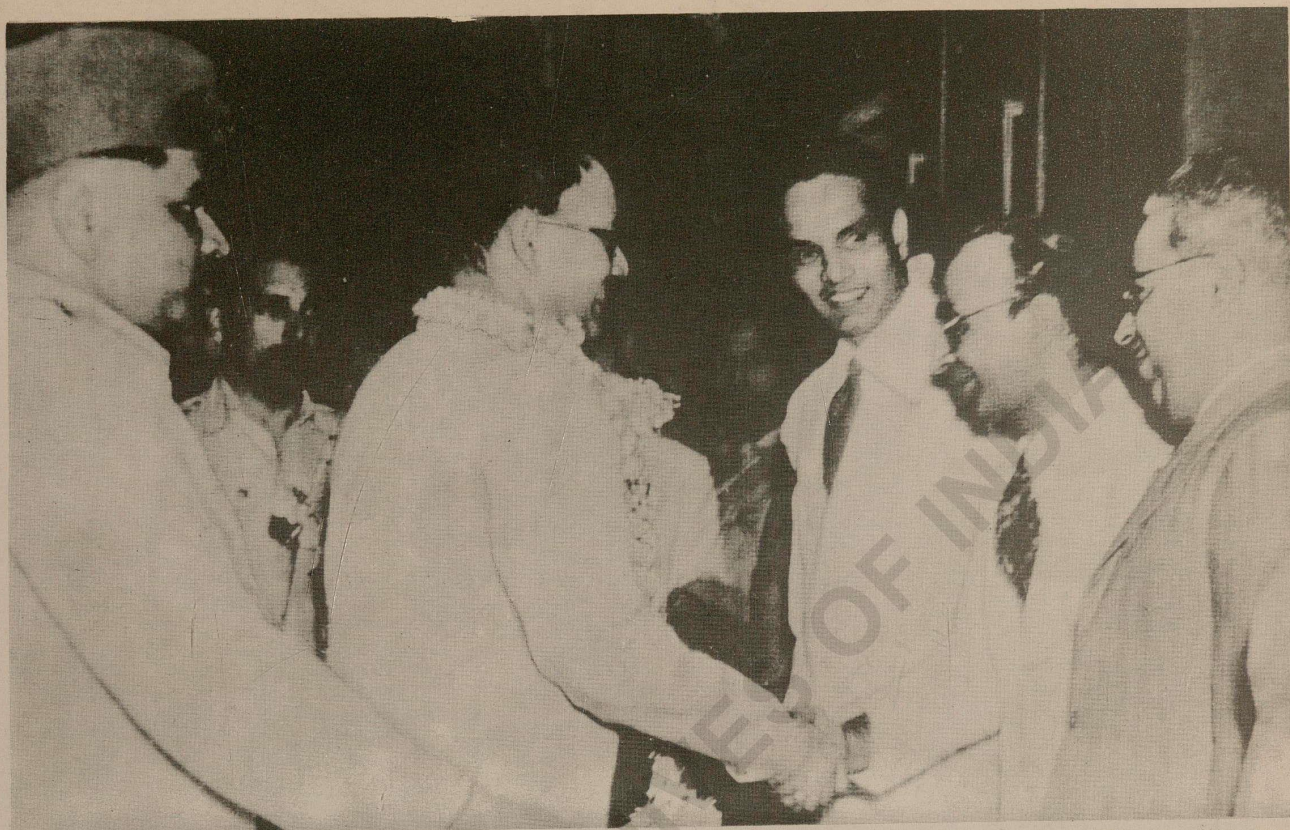




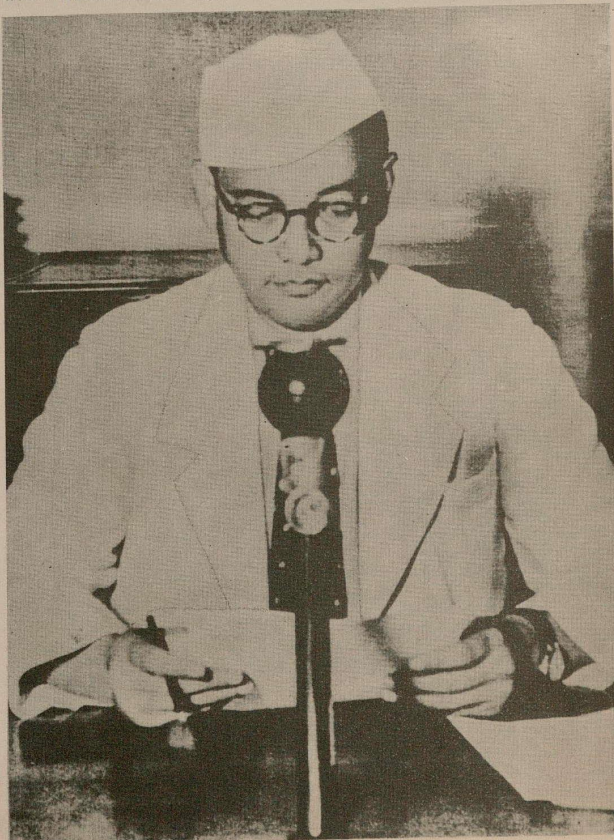
Top left : Rashbehari Bose transferring leadership to Netaji, 4th July 1943
 Top right : Netaji addresses the assembly accepting the leadership
 Bottom left : Speaking at the first open rally

The Russo-German war and the failure of the Germans to break through to the Near East made it impossible for Netaji to carry out his original plan of an armed assault on India from the North-West. He, therefore, decided upon a perilous journey to East Asia by submarines — a voyage of ninety days unequalled in world military annals in regard to planning, execution and daring. After a transfer of submarine in the Indian ocean he arrived in Sabang, Sumatra, in May 1943 and then flew to Tokyo. After high-level negotiations with Japanese leaders he arrived in Singapore early in July and assumed the leadership of the Azad Hind Movement in East Asia and of the Azad Hind Fauj — the Indian National Army.

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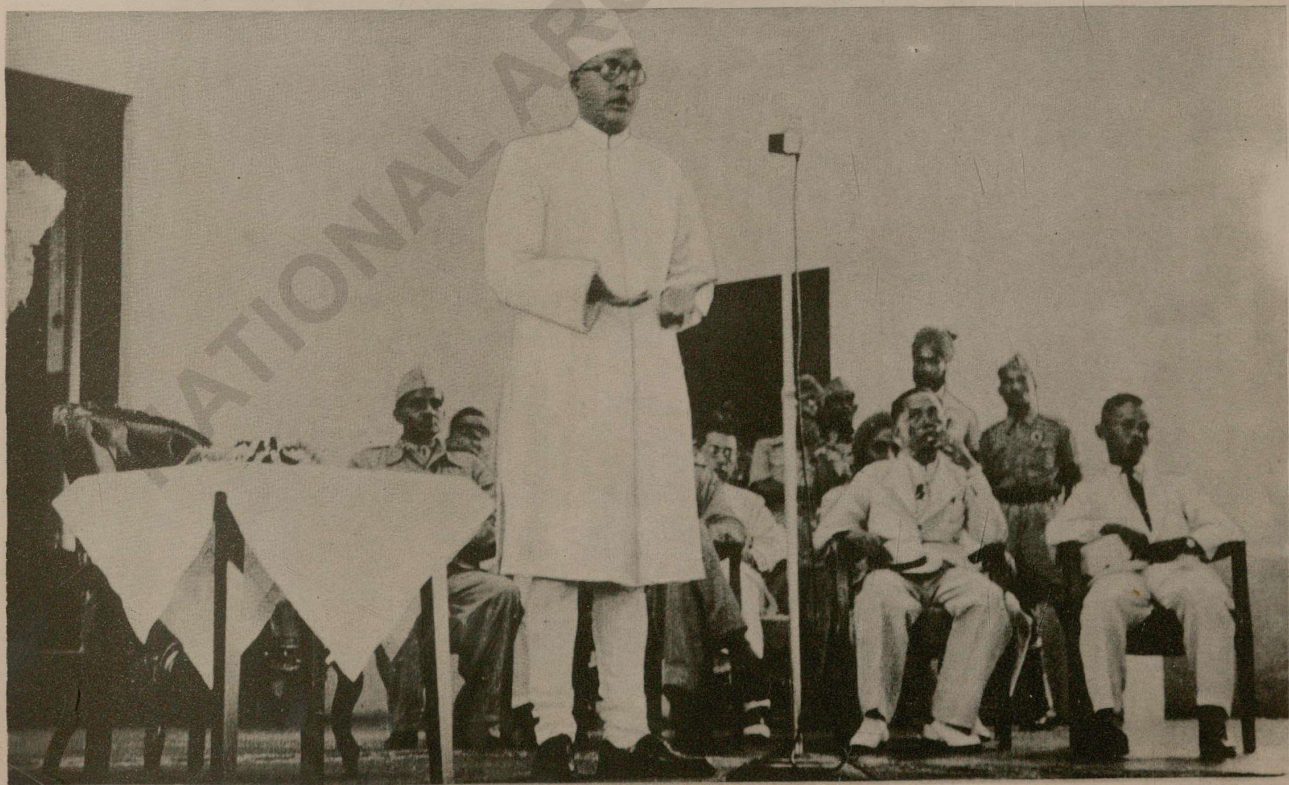


Top: Being introduced to leading civilians Bottom left: Meeting leading INA officers Bottom right: Broadcasting to India from Singapore





Top: Arrival in Bangkok Bottom: Addressing a meeting in Bangkok



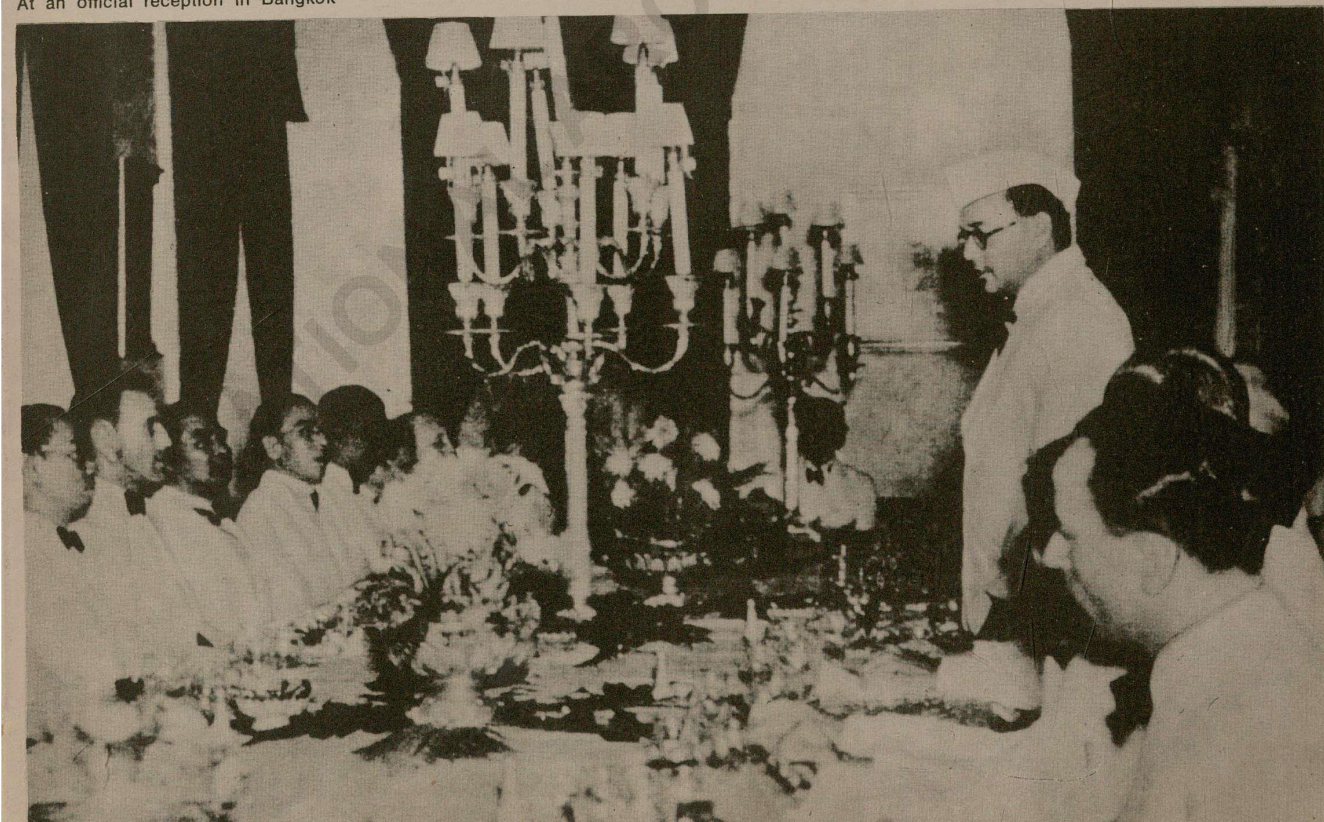
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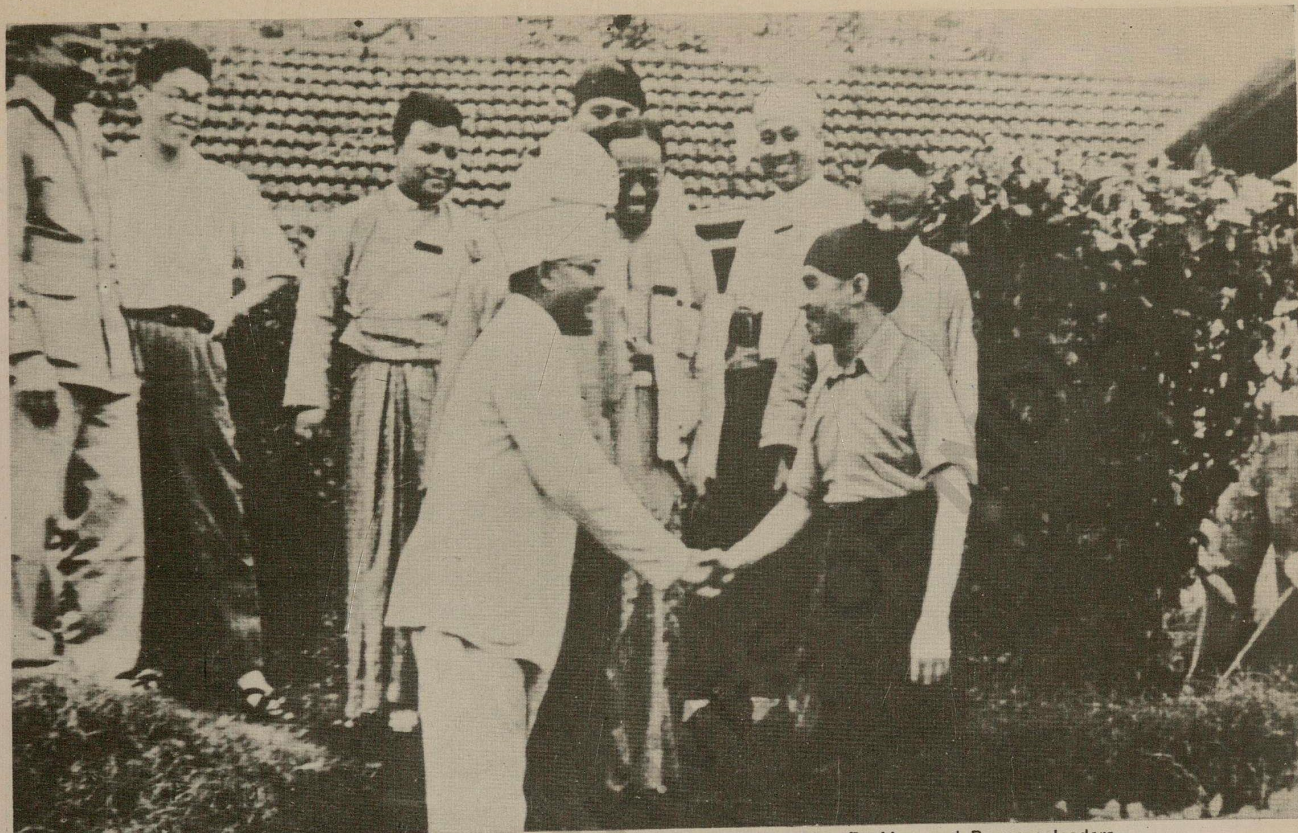
Meeting INA officers at Bangkok





At an official reception in Bangkok





Top : Meeting Ba Maw and Burmese leaders in Rangoon Bottom left : With Mr. and Mrs. Ba Maw and Burmese leaders
Bottom right : With the Japanese Ambassador to Burma



Supreme Commander, Indian National Army

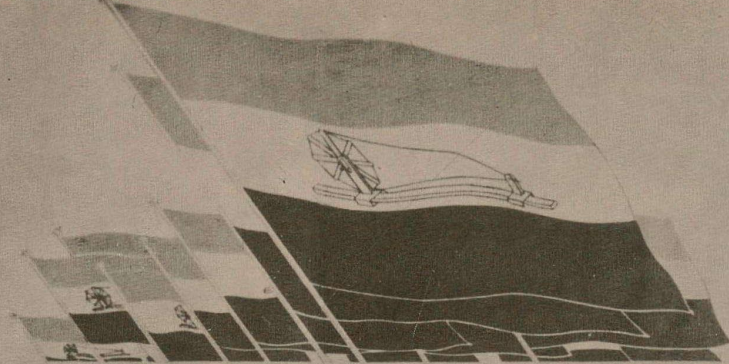
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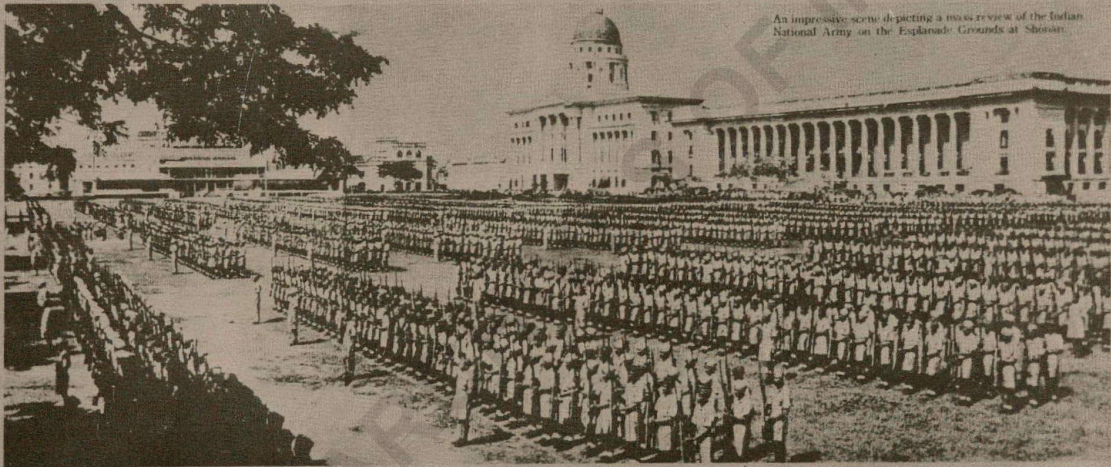
Front page of a composite publicity pamphlet of the Azad Hind Movement

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Head of the Indian National Army.

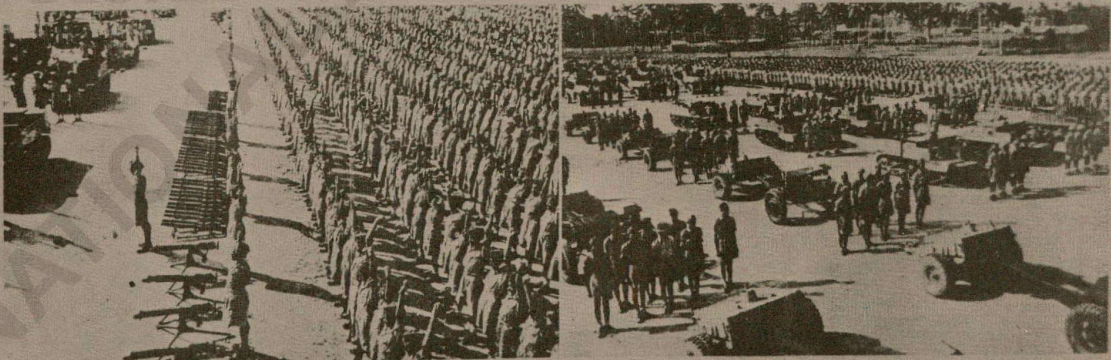


UNDER OUR FLAG OF INDEPENDENCE!

An impressive scene depicting a mass review of the Indian National Army on the Esplanade Grounds at Shimon.



DESTROY THE ENEMY FOR FREE INDIA!



CONSTRUCT "INDIA FOR THE INDIANS"!

The Indian National Army ready for action
against Britain with captured British weapons.



Netaji addresses his army

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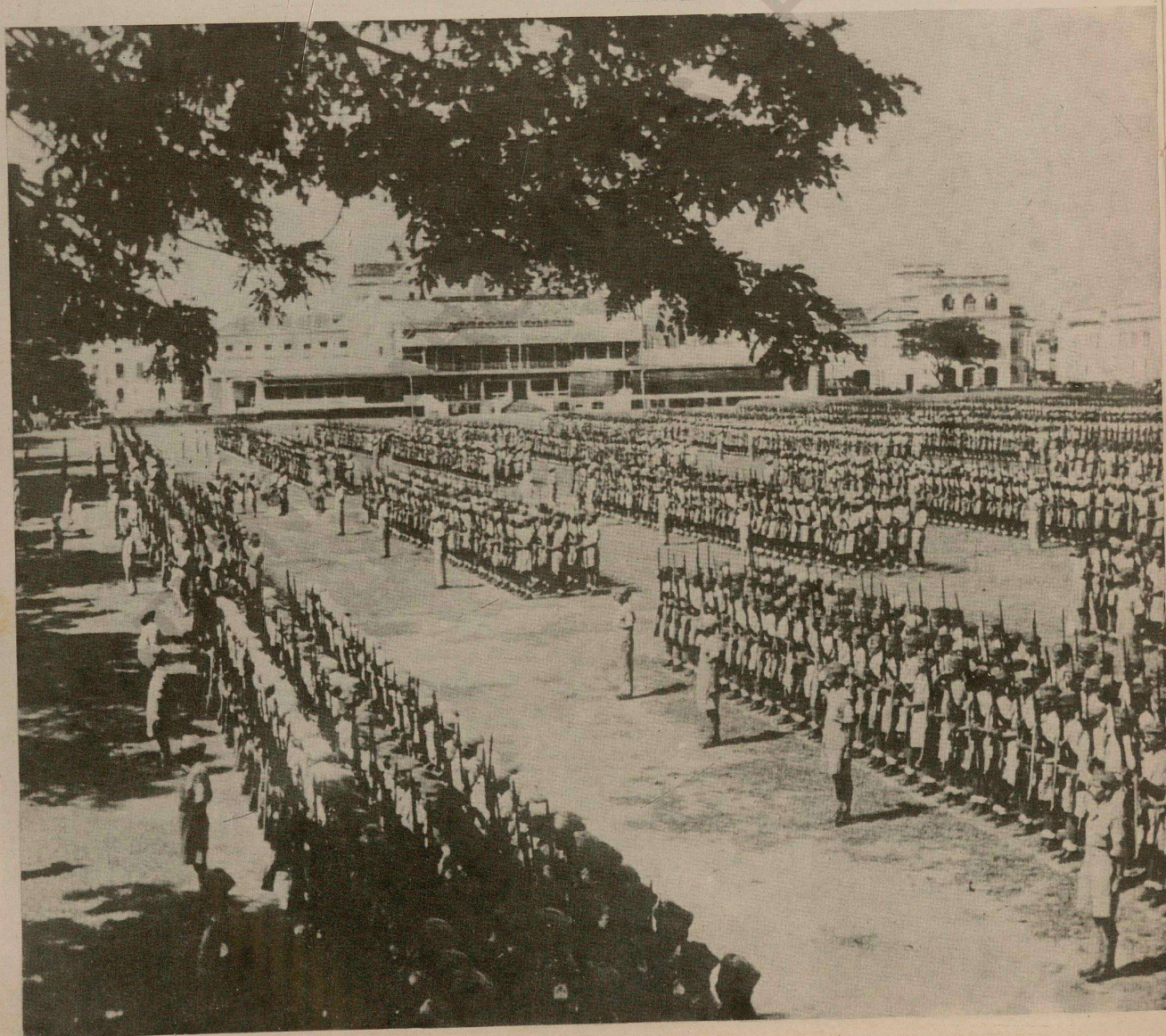


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At the first military review at Singapore as the Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army, Netaji said, in the course of a historic address :
"Soldiers of India's Army of Liberation! Today is the proudest day of my life. Today it has pleased Providence to give me the unique privilege and honour of announcing to the whole world that India's Army of Liberation has come into being. This Army has now been drawn up in military formation on the battlefield of Singapore — which was once the bulwark of the British Empire. This is not only the Army that will emancipate India from the British yoke, it is also the Army that will, hereafter, create the future national army of Free India....

"Comrades! My soldiers! Let your battle-cry be — 'To Delhi, To Delhi!' How many of us will individually survive this war of Freedom, I do not know. But I do know this that we shall ultimately win and our task will not end until our surviving heroes hold the victory-parade on another graveyard of the British Empire — the Lal Kila or Red Fortress of ancient Delhi.

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"With the force of arms and at the cost of your blood you will have to win liberty. Then, when India



is free, you will have to organise the permanent army of Free India, whose task it will be to preserve our liberty for all time.

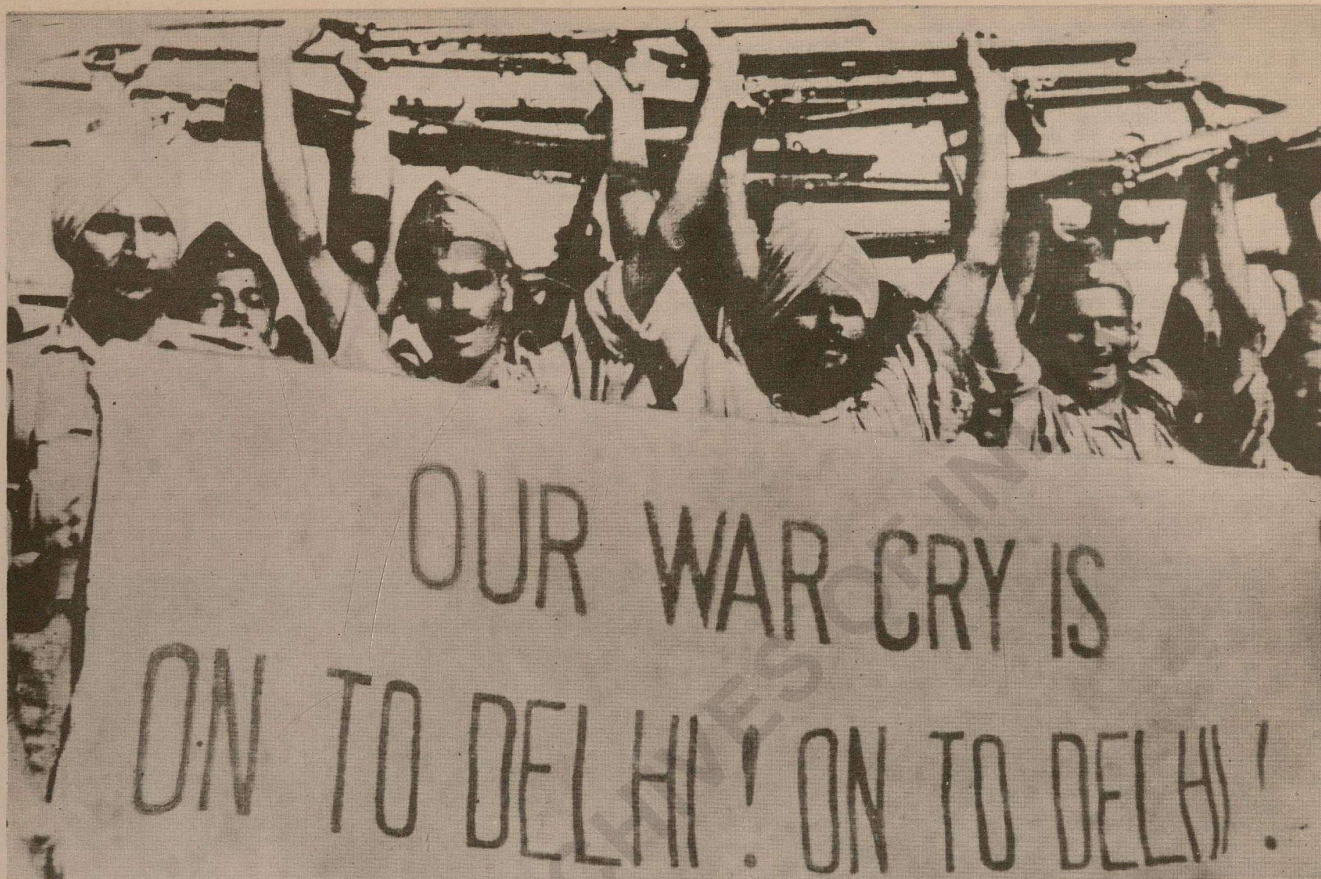
.....
"As soldiers, you will have to cherish and live up to the three ideals of faithfulness, duty and sacrifice. Soldiers who always remain faithful to the nation, who perform their duty under all circumstances and who are always prepared to sacrifice their lives, are invincible.

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"Comrades ! You have voluntarily accepted a mission that is the

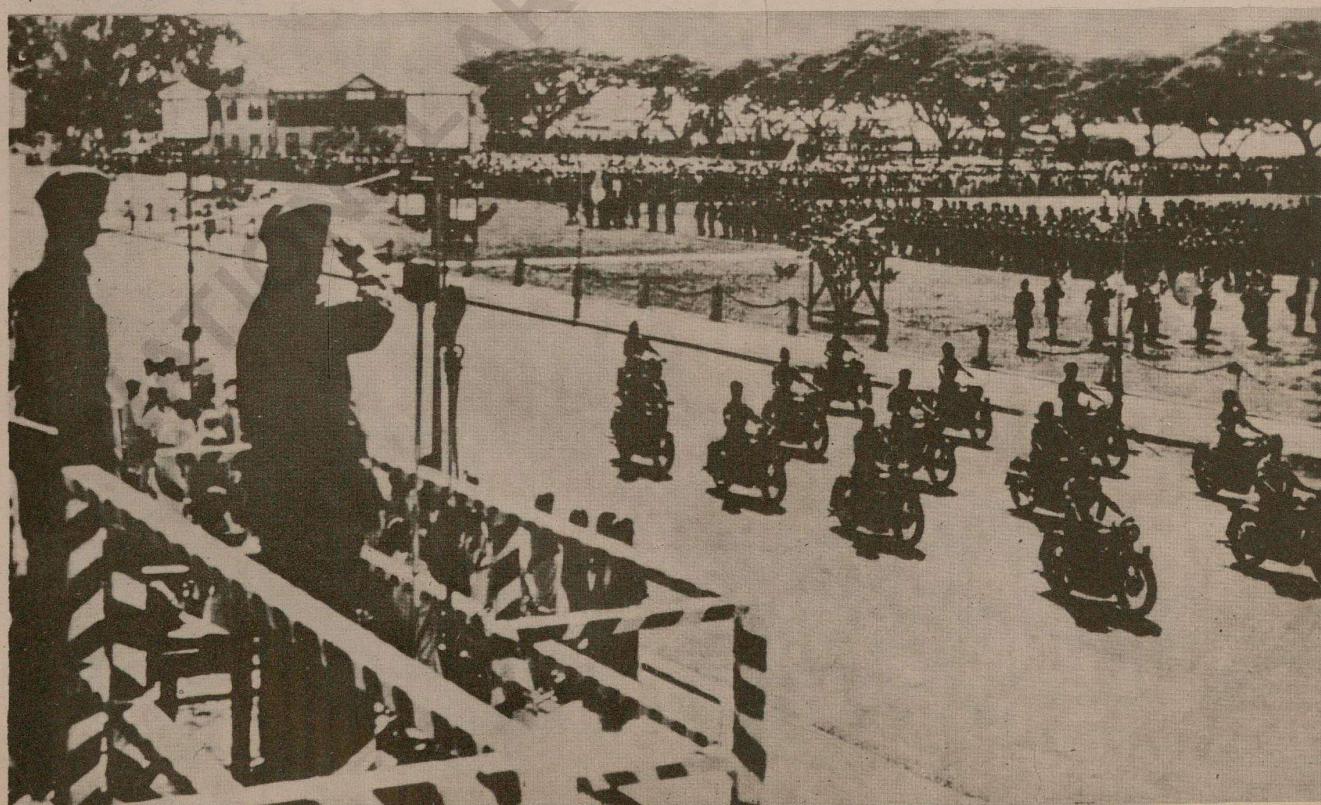
noblest that the human mind can conceive of....So conduct yourself that your countrymen may bless you and posterity may be proud of you.

.....
"I assure you that I shall be with you in darkness and sunshine, in sorrow and in joy, in suffering and in victory. For the present, I can offer you nothing except hunger, thirst, privation, forced marches and death. But if you follow me in life and in death — as I am confident you will — I shall lead you to victory and freedom...."





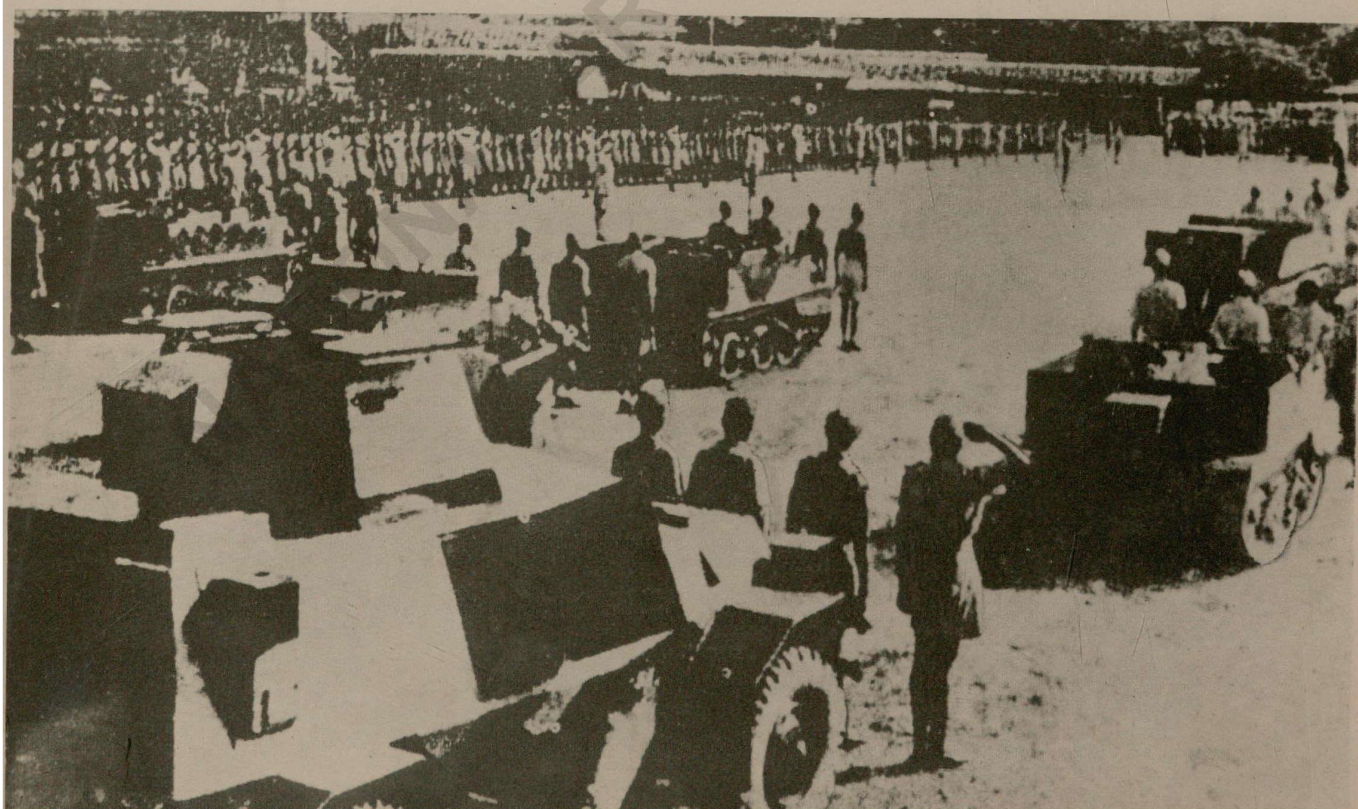
Top : The Army's response to Netaji Bottom : The military review in progress





Top : Netaji taking the salute at the review
 Bottom : Armoured units of the INA in formation
 After reorganising the INA into a well-knit fighting force, Netaji proceeded to take the next major step for prosecuting the final war of independence — the setting up of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind. This he did at a representative assembly of Indians of the whole of East Asia in Singapore on the 21st October 1943. Netaji declared : "With the formation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, the Indian Independence Movement has obtained all the pre-conditions of success." After two centuries of slavery, the Indian people tasted independent statehood for the first time.

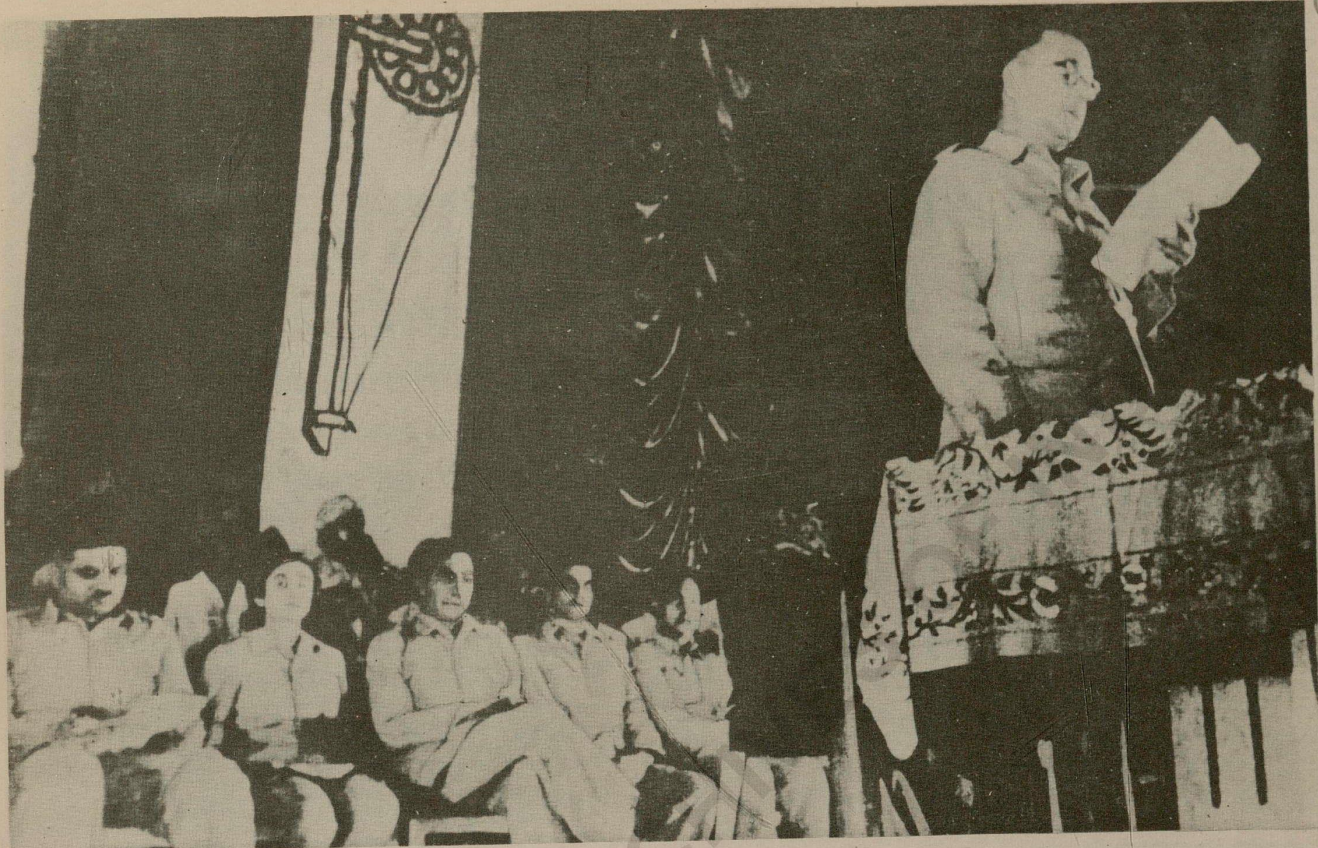
Explaining the historical significance and tasks of the Provisional Government, Netaji said : "As a student of history and, in particular, of revolutions in different parts of the world, during 22 years of public life, I always felt that what India was lacking in her fight for freedom were two things — a National Army and a National Government to lead that Army to battle.... In setting up this Provisional Government we are, on the one hand, meeting the exigencies of the Indian situation and are, on the other, following in the footsteps of history. In recent times, the Irish people set up their Provisional Government in 1916. The Czechs did the same during the last World War. And, after the last World War, the Turks, under the leadership of Mustapha Kemal, set up their Provisional Government in Anatolia."



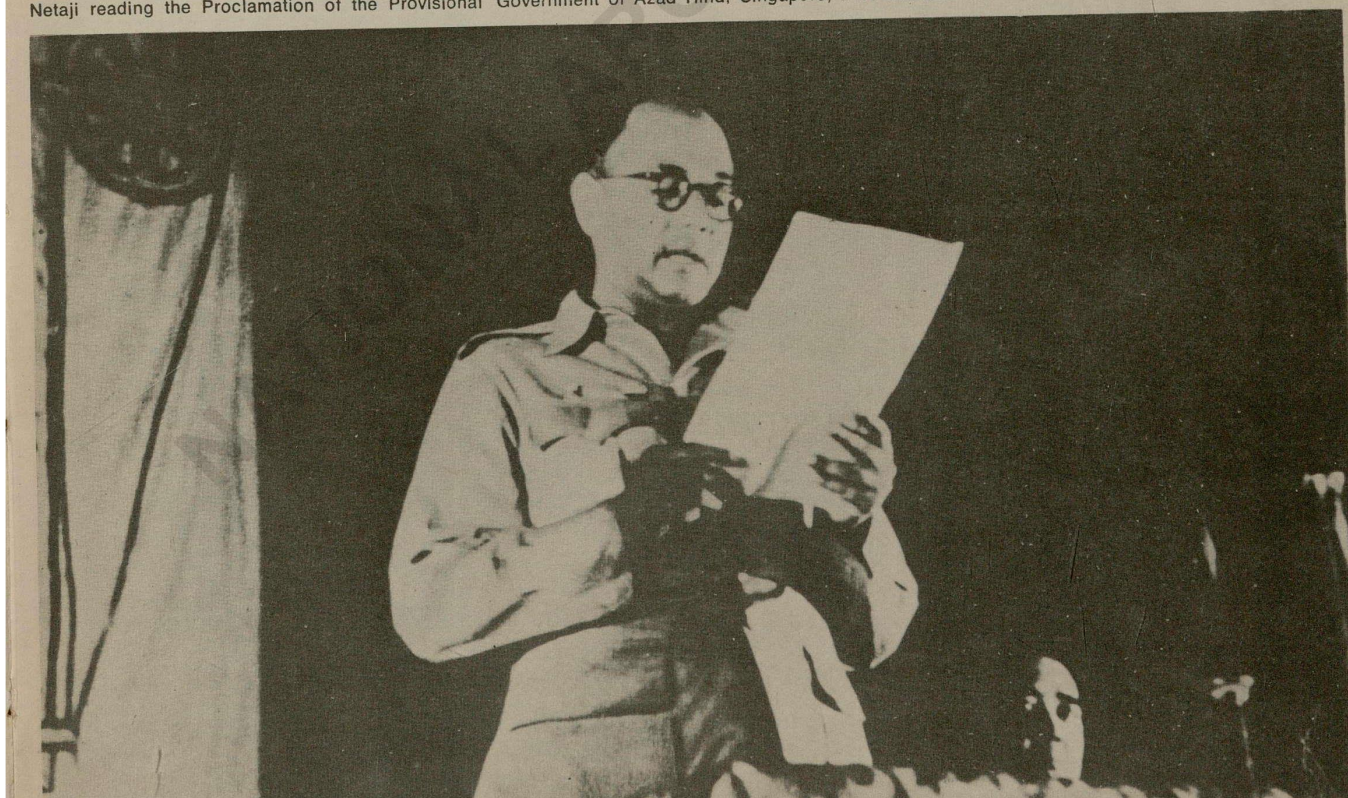
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There can be no compromise between British Imperialism
and Indian Nationalism.





Netaji reading the Proclamation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, Singapore, 21st October 1943



6 Pages

2,000,000 Set Aside for Aid War Widows, Indigent Folk

Two Measures Sent to Malacanang For
Presidential Approval—Fiscal Condition
Assessed by Solons

...relief and rehabilitation of communities and individuals, orphans and other indigent persons suffering from the effects of the war was provided for yesterday by the National Assembly when it enacted, by a vote of 75-0, Bill No. 8 ap-
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Final Position

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This Summary has been derived from the following sources: rev. cases, taxation, P. 111, 112.



CHANDLER 194047

Bose Forms Free India

Bose Made Head Of Provisional Administration

New Government Aims to Expell Invaders From India Through Armed Offensive, Bose Declares

Special to the TRIBUNE

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SYONAN, Oct. 21.—The provisional government of Asia
Hind (Free India), headed by President Subhas Chandra Bose
of the Indian Independence League, was formally established
during a rally of the East Asia delegates of the organization
which convened at the Greater East Asia theater here at 10.30
a.m. today.

The conference was attended by the representatives of the League in Malai, Djawa, Borneo, Sumatra, Burma, Celebes, Thailand, French Indo-China, the Philippines, Hongkong, Canton, and Japan. The leading officials of the women's department of the Indian National Army were

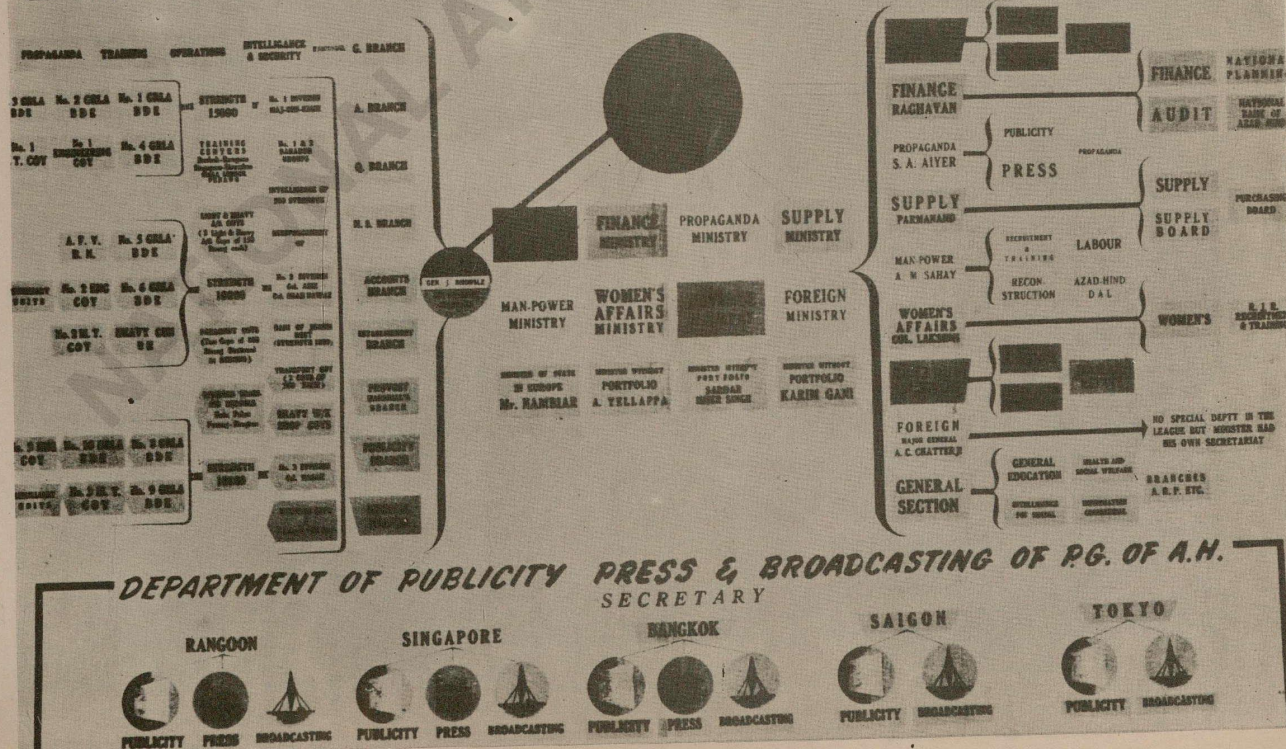
ration of India from Anglo-American domination.

Armed Offensive

Special to the TRIBUNE
SYONAN Oct. 21.—The immediate object of the provisional government of Free India is to launch a direct armed offensive against the Anglo-American.

Top : Front page of The Tribune of Manila featuring the proclamation of the Provisional Government Bottom : The structure of the

The Provisional Govt. of Azad Hind



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Provisional Azad Hind Government Declares War On Britain And U.S.A.

NIPPON THANKED FOR
FULL CO-OPERATION
AND ASSISTANCE

IMPERIAL FORCES IN
NAMPO WILL GIVE ALL-
OUT SUPPORT TO I.N.A.

THE PROVISIONAL Government of Azad Hind declared war on Britain and the United States early this morning according to a communique from the headquarters of the Provisional Government released today at noon.

The full text of the communique reads as follows: "The second meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind was held from midnight (Oct. 23 Oct. 24) at the official residence of Subhas Chandra Bose.

"Advisers also attended the meeting. The political, economic and military situation in India was again discussed and the following decisions were arrived at unanimously.

"The Provisional Government of Azad Hind declared war on Britain and the United States of America.

"The Provisional Government of Azad Hind placed on record its deep appreciation of the message conveying the news of the recognition by the Imperial Government of Nippon of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind.

"The Provisional Government of Azad Hind expressed its grateful thanks to the Imperial Government of Nippon for

"THE IMPERIAL Forces in the South have no hesitation to support with all means at our disposal our young comrades, the Indian National Army," declared Lieut. Col. Nakajima, Chief of the Press Section of the Imperial Forces in Nampo, in a statement issued at 10 o'clock this morning in connection with the declaration of war on Britain and the United States by the Provisional Government of Azad Hind.

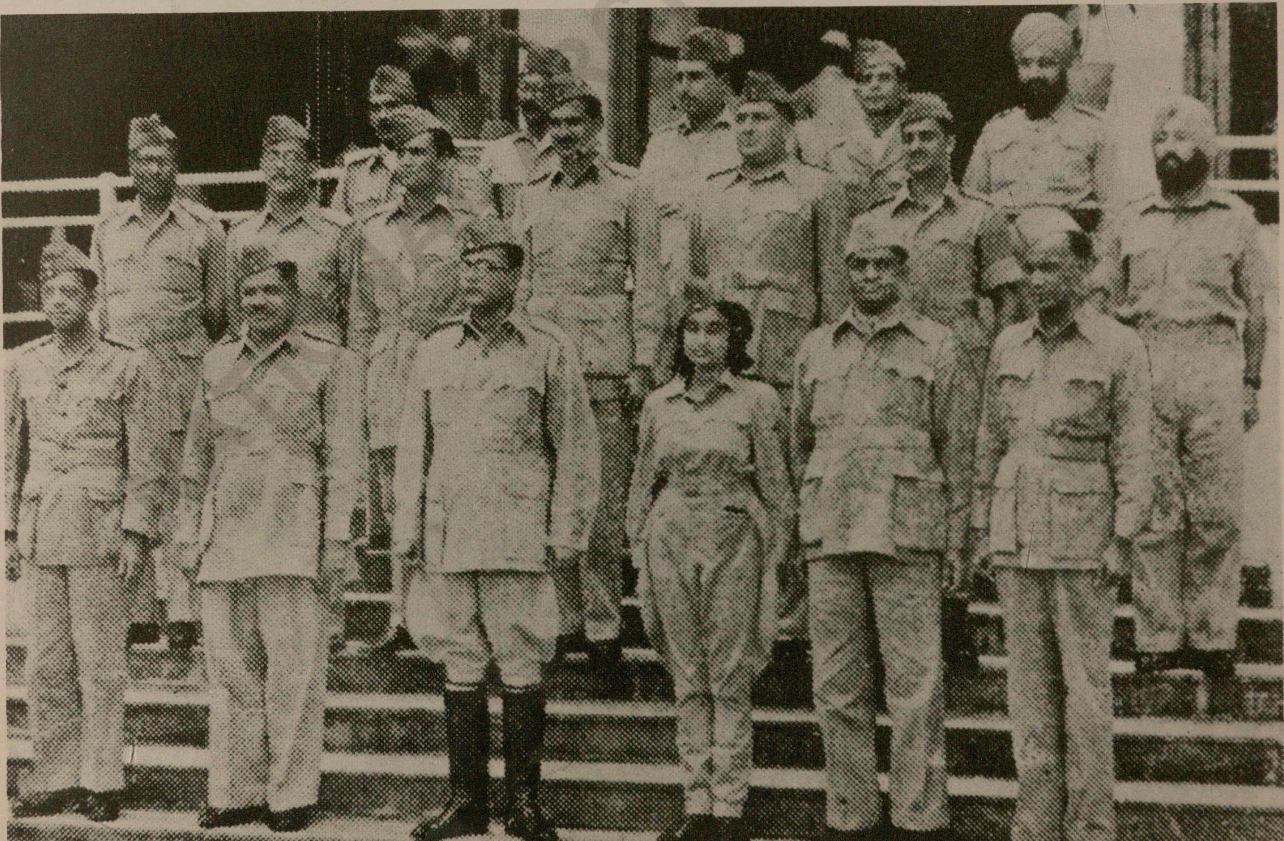
The Imperial Forces in the South, bound by a cordance with the entire nation of opinion of all Indians, and this Government has declared war on Britain and the United States. In this manner, it has definitely expressed the intention of all Indians in India, East Asia, and all over the world as well as the 600,000,000 Indians in India, to challenge the British and their allies. It is believed that the crack Indian National Army, will before long cross the Arabian Hills to attack India supported by the masses in India in their struggle with the British Army.

It is a matter for congratulation that Subhas Chandra Bose has declared to the world that the Provisional Government of Azad Hind has been established as for about a century India has been invaded and deprived of its independence. This time, a Provisional Government has been established by the Indians themselves. It is needless to say that for about ten years since the outbreak of the Second World War, the brilliant success of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind has been established.

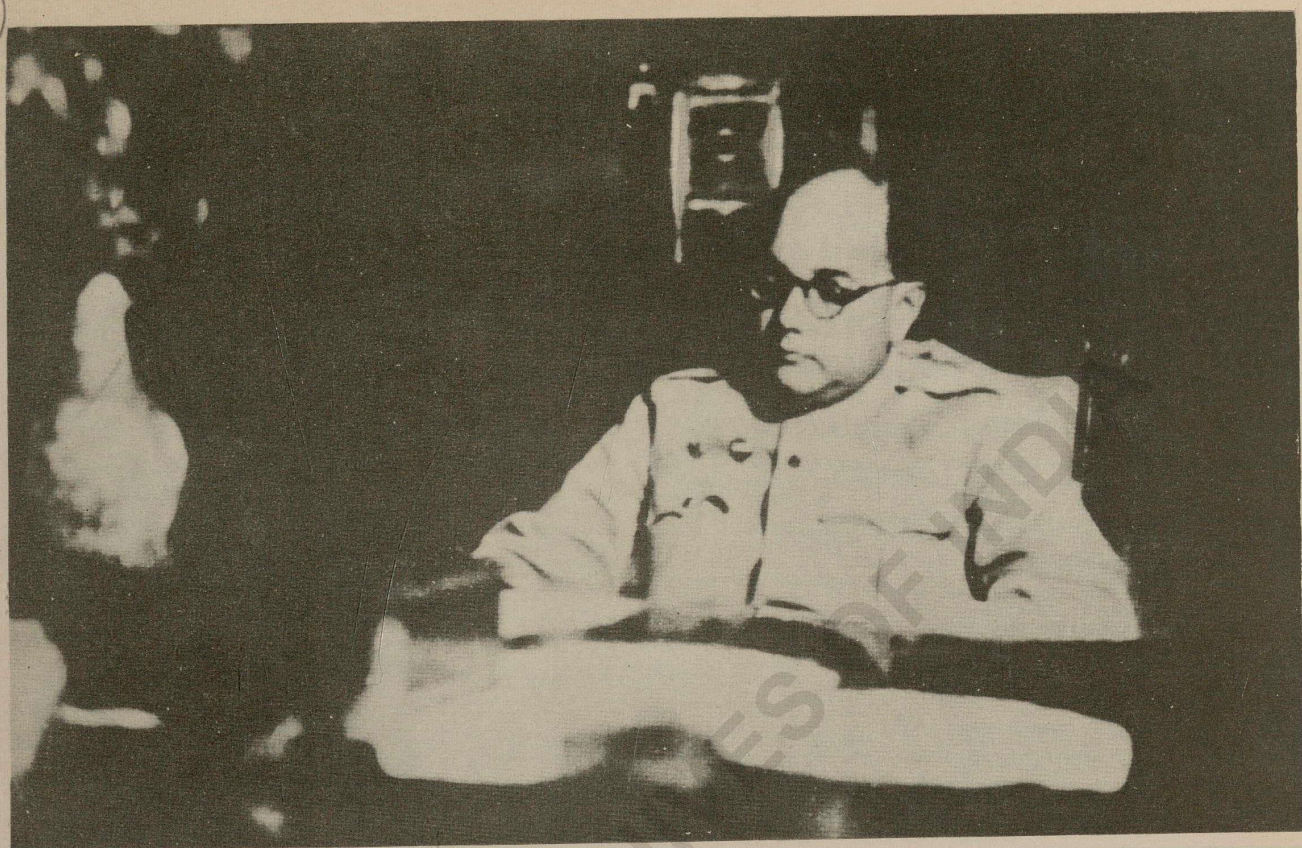
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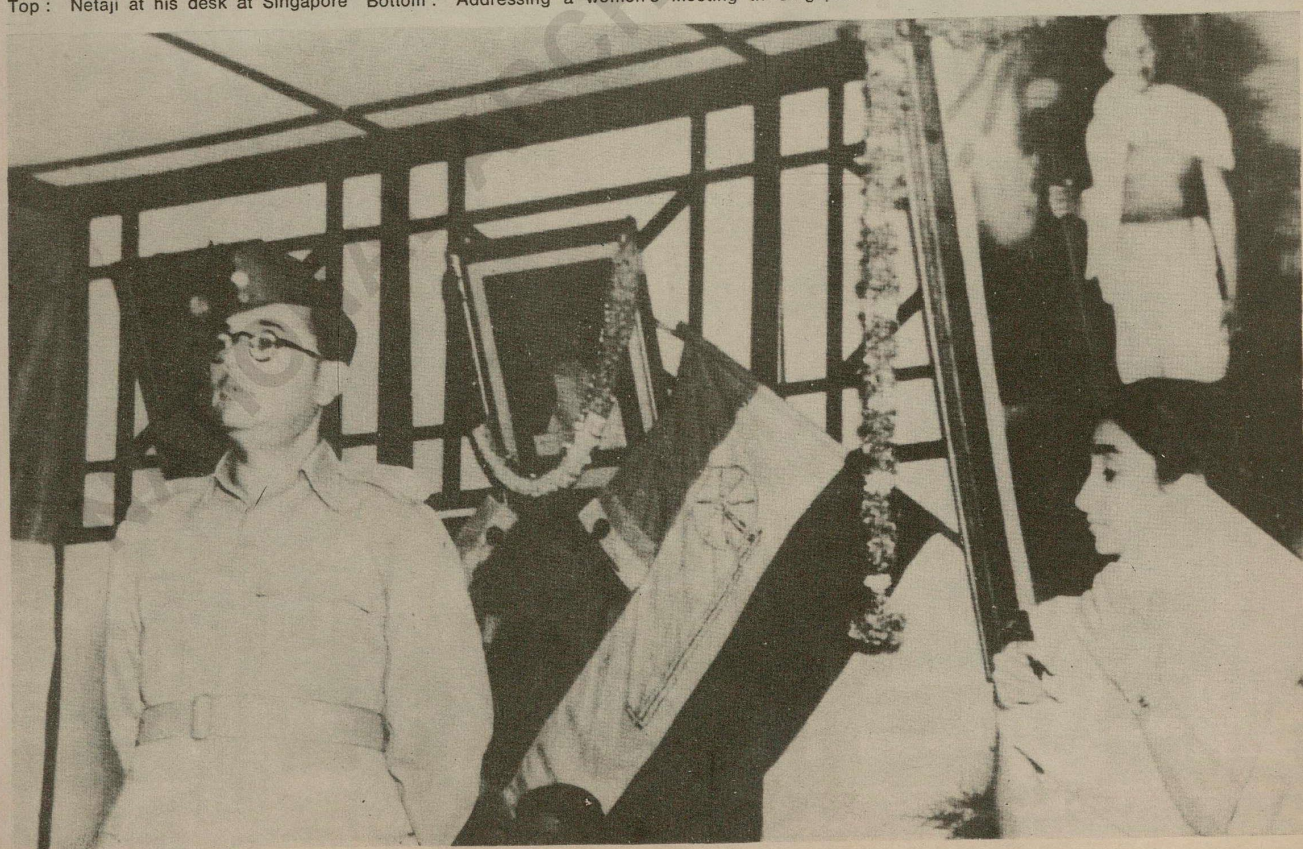
Top: Front page of Syonan Sinbun of 24th October 1943 Netaji receives a garland Bottom: The cabinet of the Provisional Government



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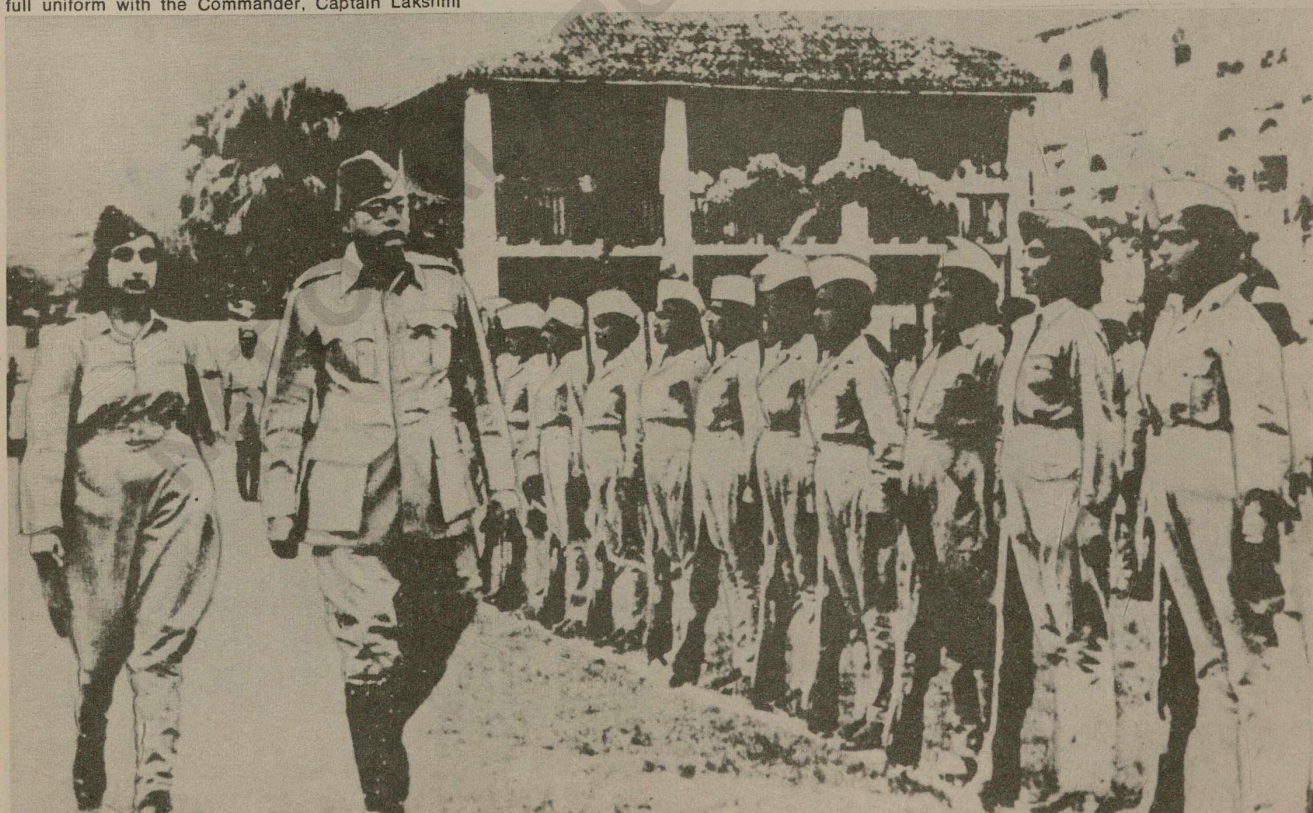


Top : Netaji at his desk at Singapore Bottom : Addressing a women's meeting in Singapore





Top : The first presentation of arms by the Rani of Jhansi Regiment in sari Bottom : Netaji reviews the Rani of Jhansi Regiment in full uniform with the Commander, Captain Lakshmi

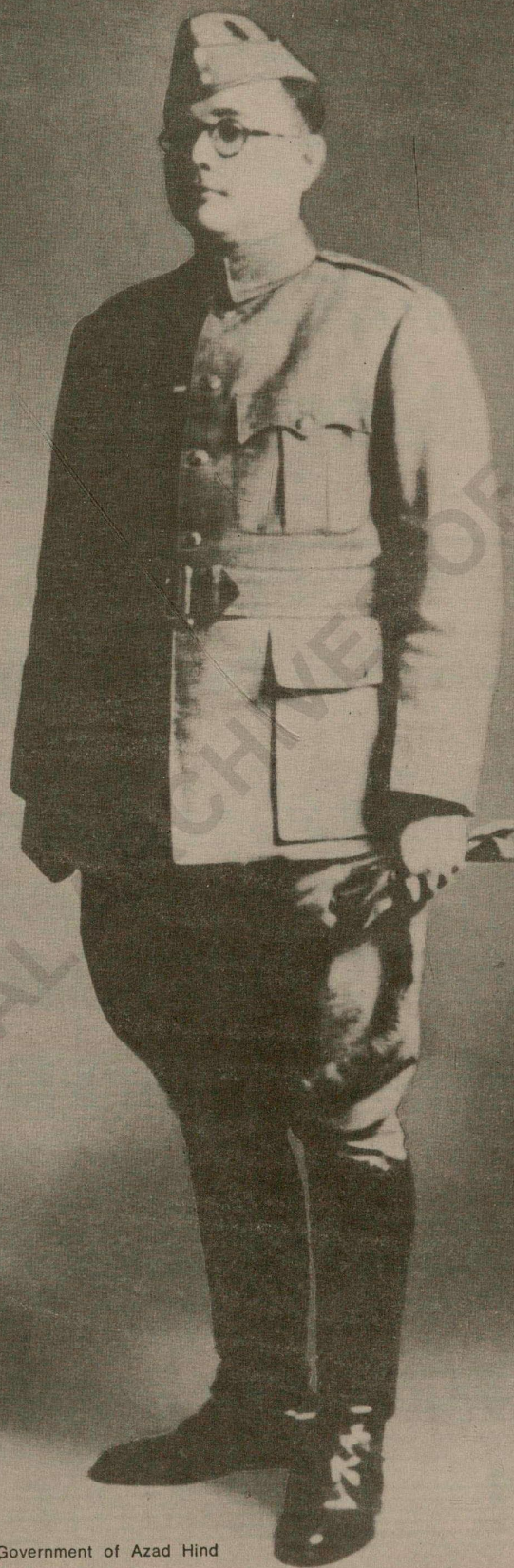


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Top : The Ranis on the march Bottom : The Ranis at target practice





Head of State Provisional Government of Azad Hind

Original notations of the historic song 'Subhasji !
Subhasji !' opening lines

QAUMI GANA



1.5. Sob ha sj i Sob ha sj i wuh—

jan i hind — ae giye Ho naz jis pih

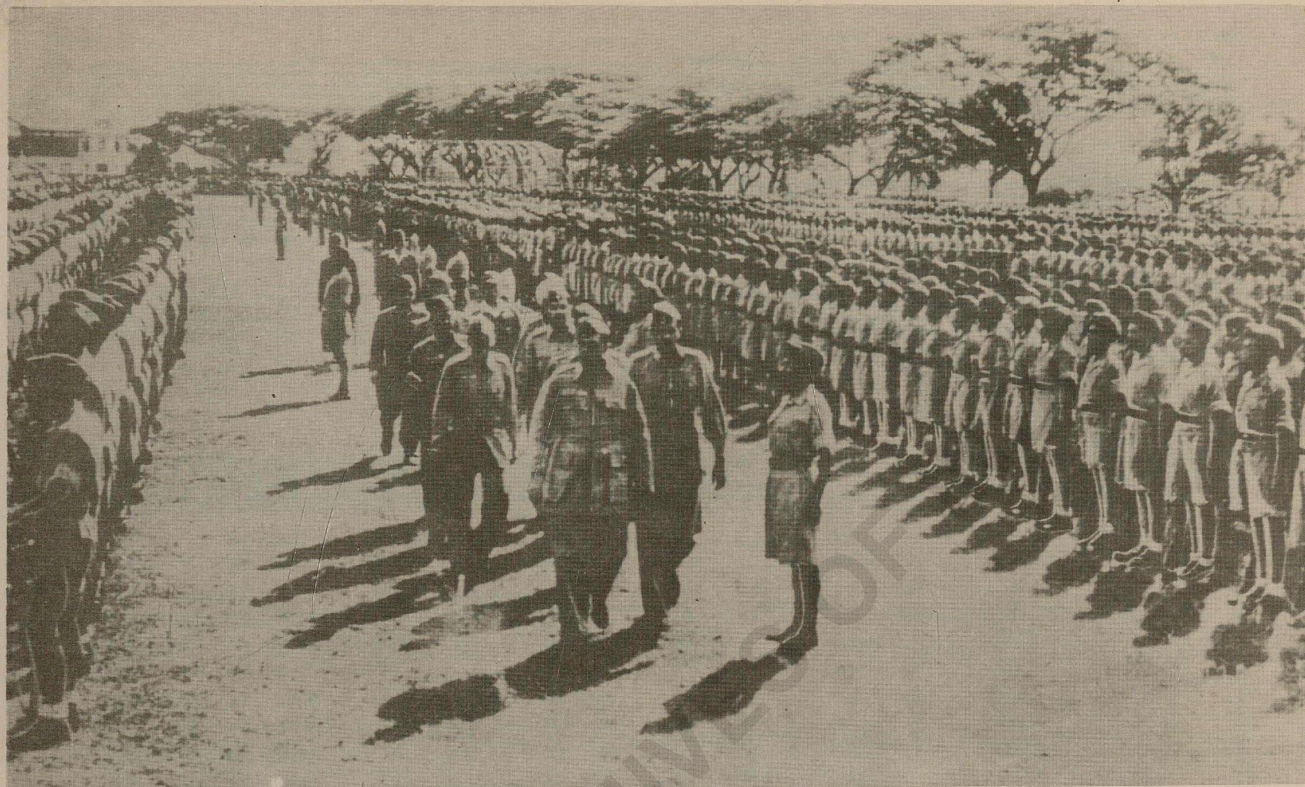
hind ko wuh shan i hind ae giye

1. { Sob . . hash jan . i . hind . hai Sob . hash an . i .
 { Sob . . hash shan . i . hind . hai Sob . hash kan . i .
 2. { Ka . li ka . li ka . li ka . li Pih ind . leen . cheh
 { Ga . li ga . li ga . li ga . li Hai khak a'm . ga
 3. { Wuh shan i . hind . la . en . ge Wuh an . i . hind la .
 { Am . rik . non ki fouj par Wuh quhr ban ke ch .
 4. { Gha mon ki bad li yan khhu tin Cha man ka phool har
 { Har . si han si khu . shi khu . shi Bih naz . o . shouq ga
 5. { Khu shi ka tour . ae ge . ya Ni . shat ban . ke
 { E shi ya ka af . tab E . shi . ya peh

1. { hind hai
 { hind hai
 2. { cha hi
 { ra hi
 3. { en ge
 { en ge
 4. { ka li
 { ra hi
 5. { chha ge . ya
 { chha ge . ya

Concluding portion of the notations of 'Subhasji !
 Subhasji'

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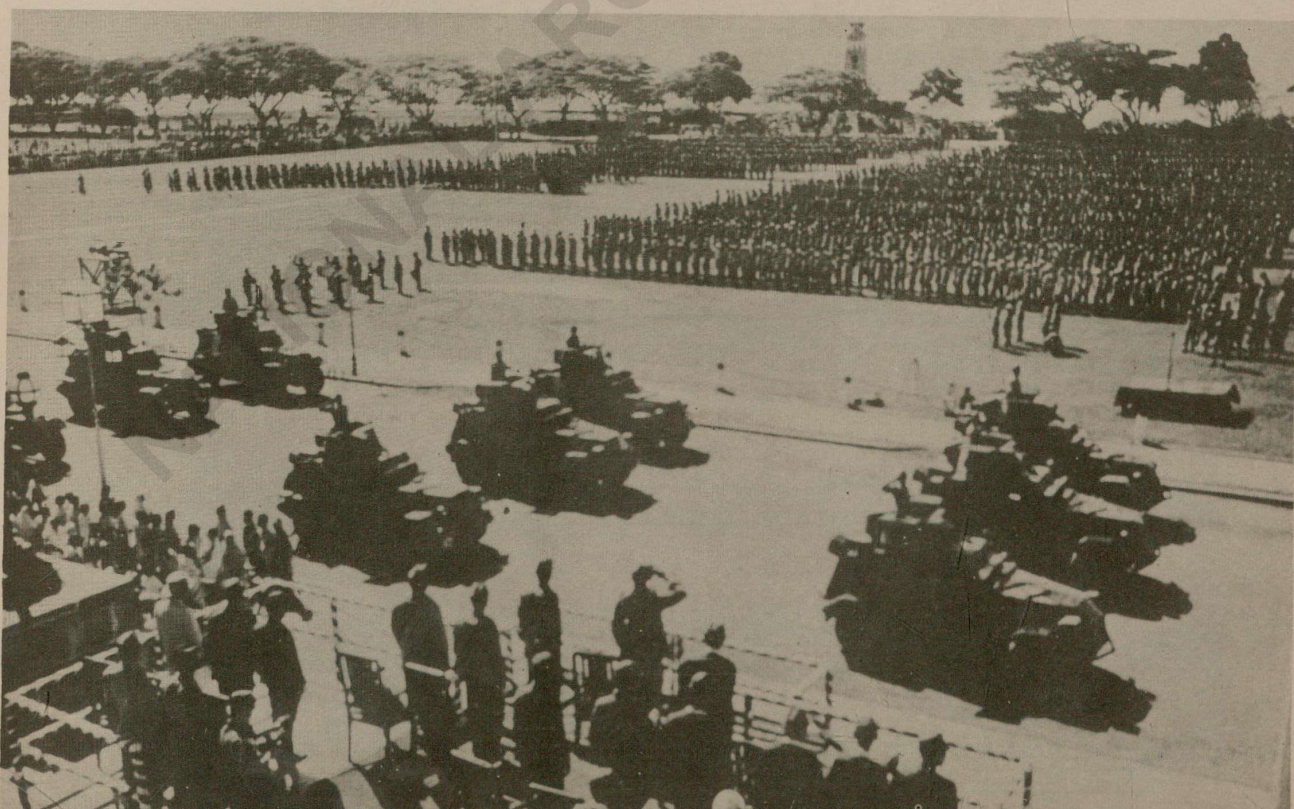
Top : Netaji reviews I.N.A. troops in Singapore Bottom : Netaji inspects the armoured columns of the I.N.A.



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The Japanese Premier General Tojo joined Netaji in reviewing the INA, immediately after the inaugural parade, on 6 July 1943. Addressing General Tojo, Netaji said :
"The Army that stands before Your Excellency today knows that it will have to fight for India's liberty. It is also conscious of the many difficulties that still beset the path to victory and freedom. But this Army is determined to achieve India's liberty at the cost of any sacrifice. In this task the Army has the active support of all Indians in East Asia..."
Bottom : Netaji takes the salute as the armoured columns roll by



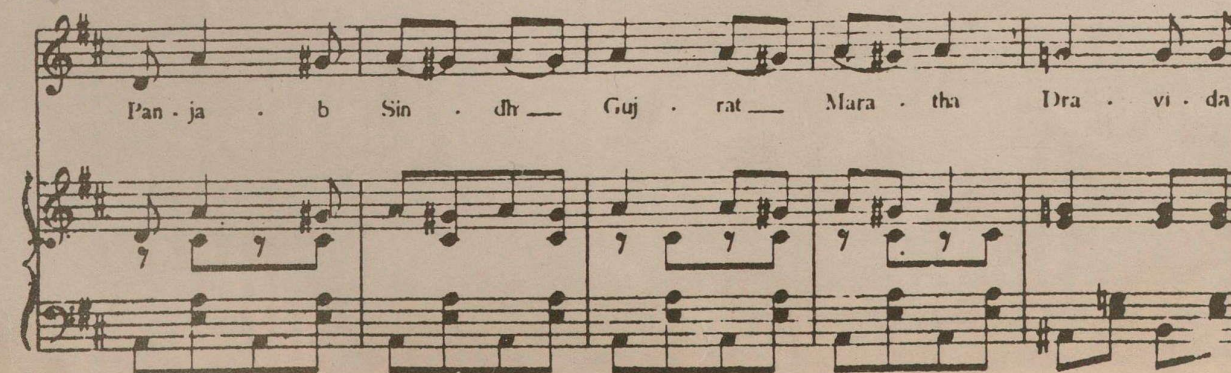
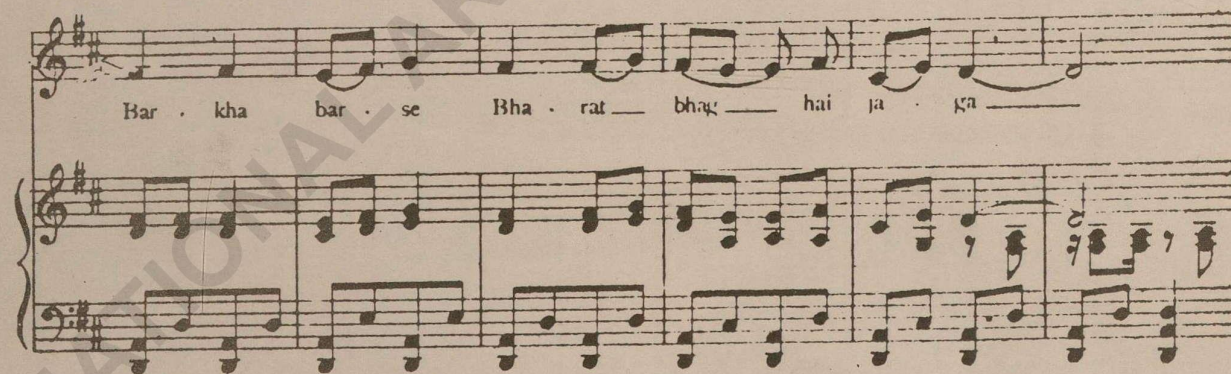


HINDI KAUMI TARANA

(Indian National Anthem)



Original notations of the National Anthem 'Subh sukh chain
ki barkha barse' — opening lines



Su . raj — Ban — kar — jag — par — cham . ke Bha rat —

Notations of the anthem — concluding lines

na m su . bha . ga Jaiya — ho —

jaiya — ho — jaiya — ho — jai . ya jai . ya jai . ya jai . ya

ho — Bha . rat — na . m su . bha . ga

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Top : Inspecting the fully uniformed and armed Rani of Jhansi Regiment Bottom : In a happy mood at a sports meet

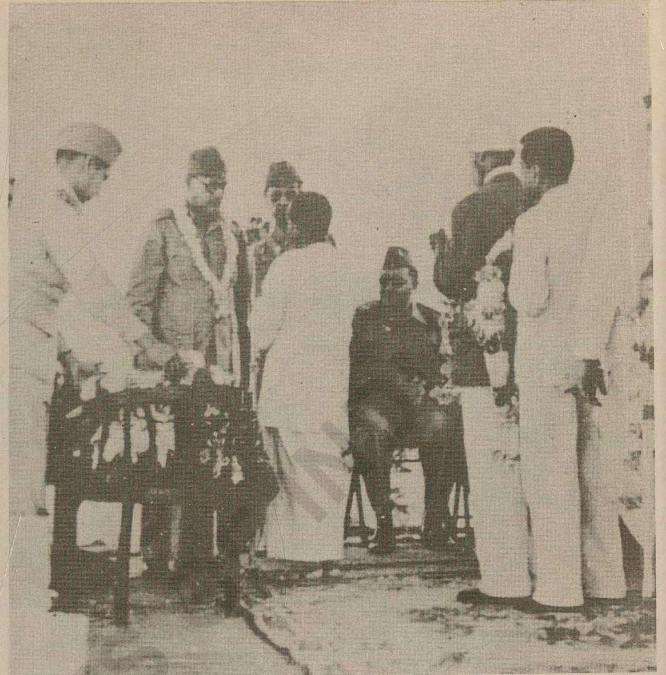
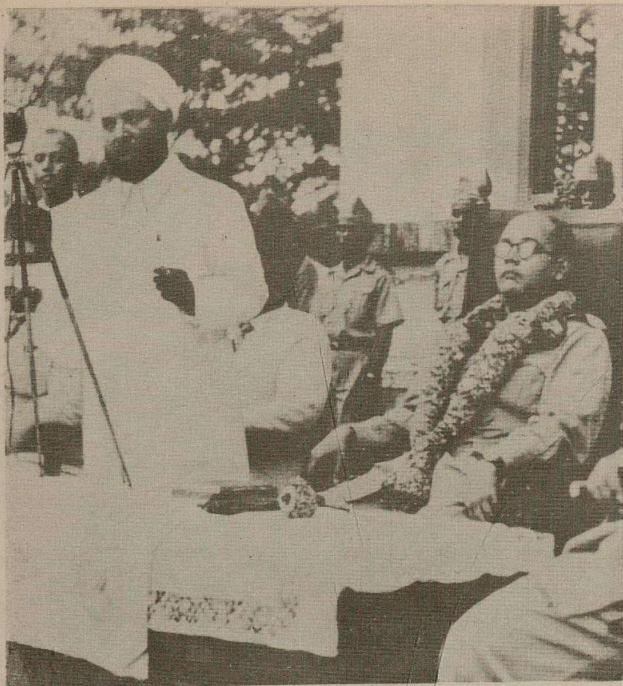


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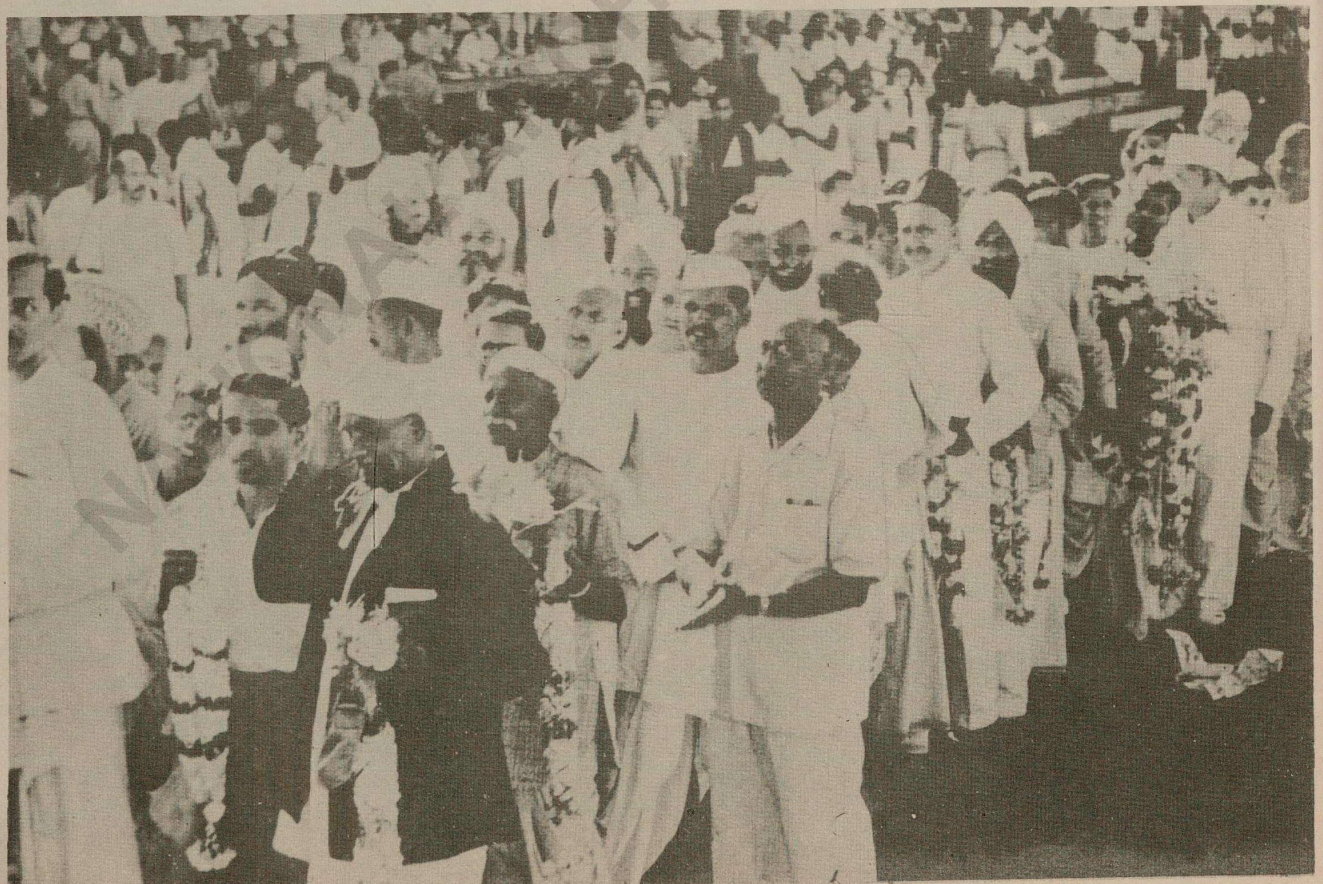


With senior I.N.A. officers : A. C. Chatterjee,
M. Z. Kiani and Habibur Rahman

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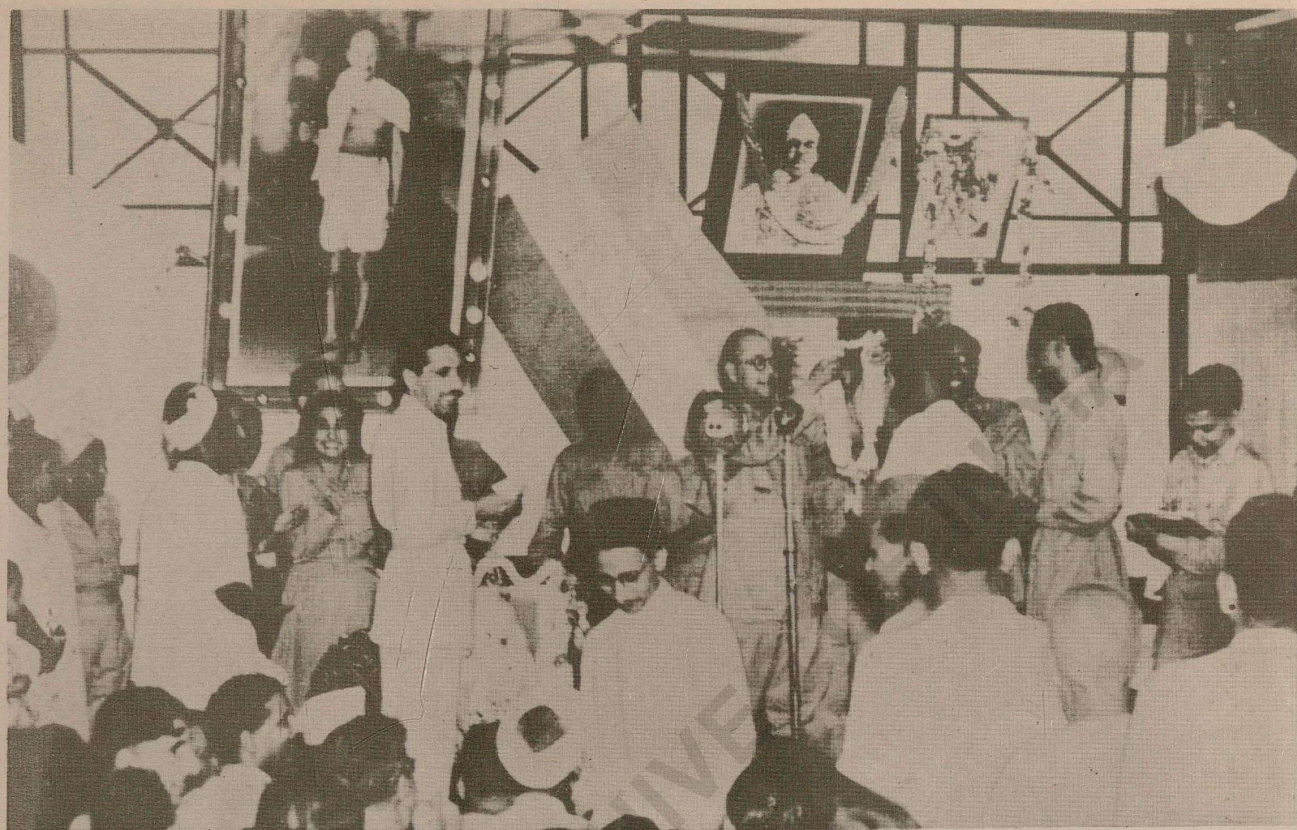
In response to Netaji's call for Total Mobilization, three million Indians in East Asia rose as one man and gave their all for the cause. They justified by their actions what their leader said: "The Indians as a nation believe in the ideal of self-sacrifice....In our history we have instances of numerous kings who chose to become Faqirs for the sake of faith, justice and truth."



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Top : A donor gets a garland from Netaji Bottom : I.N.A. men at their quarters



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Top : All have meals from the same kitchen Bottom : Front pages of Azad Hind publications



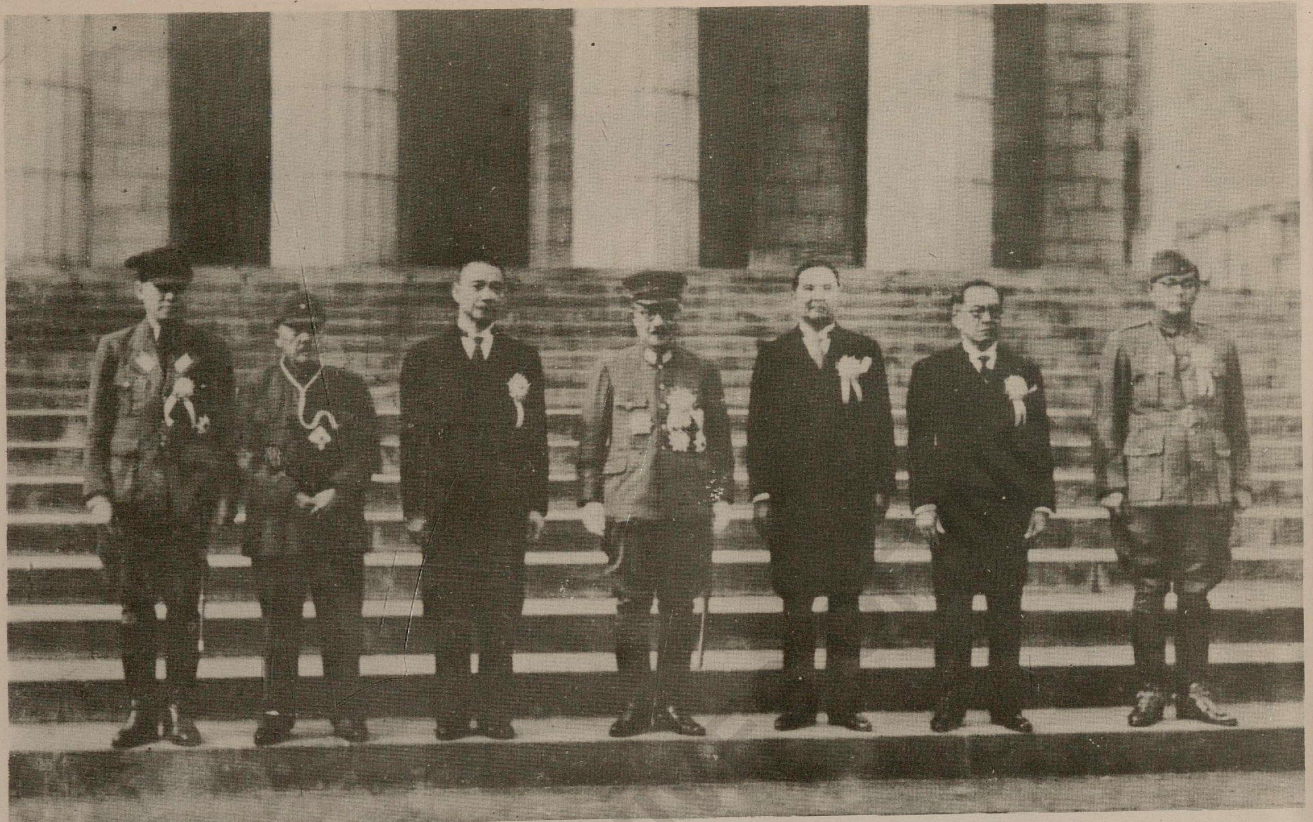
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Top : Netaji arrives in Tokyo, November 1943 Bottom : Addressing Indian residents of Tokyo







Top : With Asian leaders at the steps of Japanese Parliament Bottom : A group photograph with Indians in Tokyo





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Top : The Greater East Asia Conference in Tokyo, November 1943
Bottom left : Netaji addresses the conference
Bottom right : Relaxing at the end of a heavy day



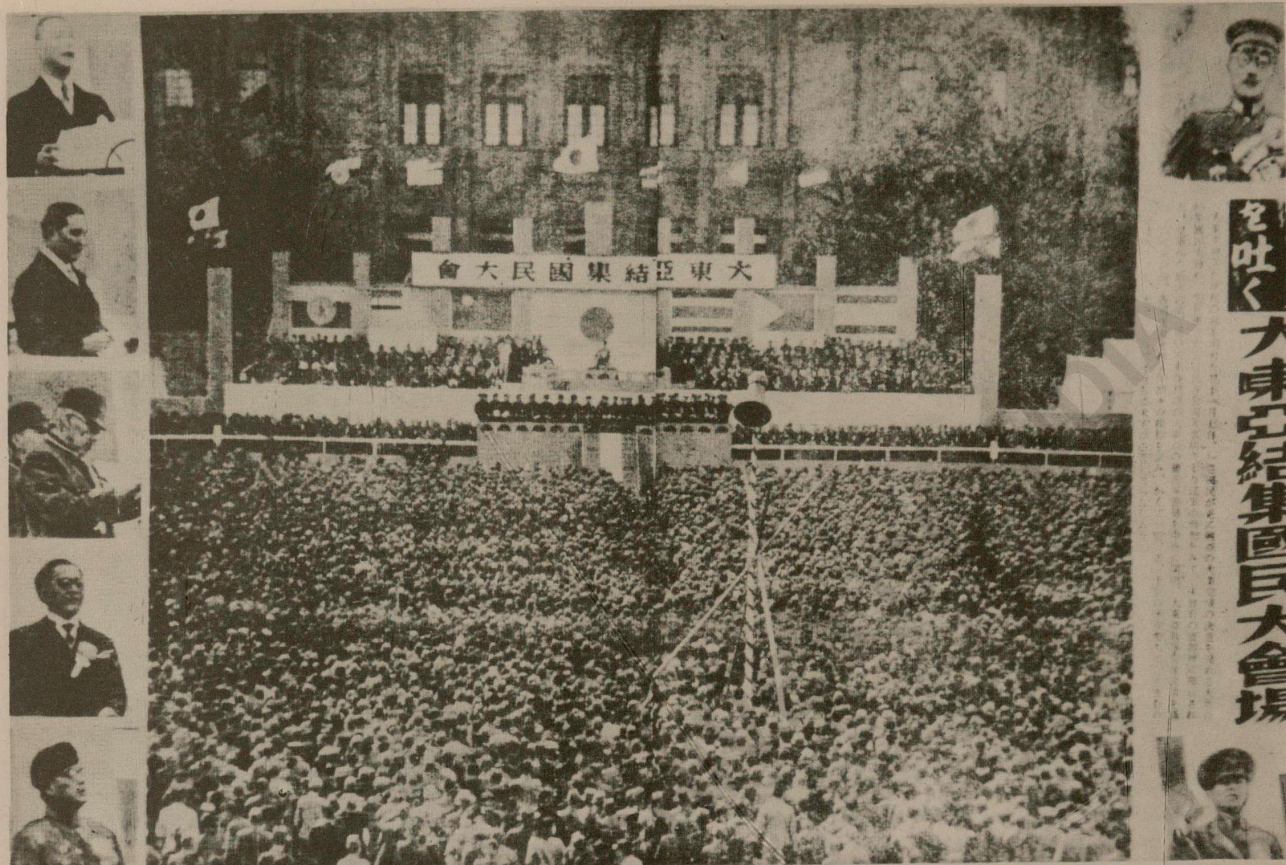
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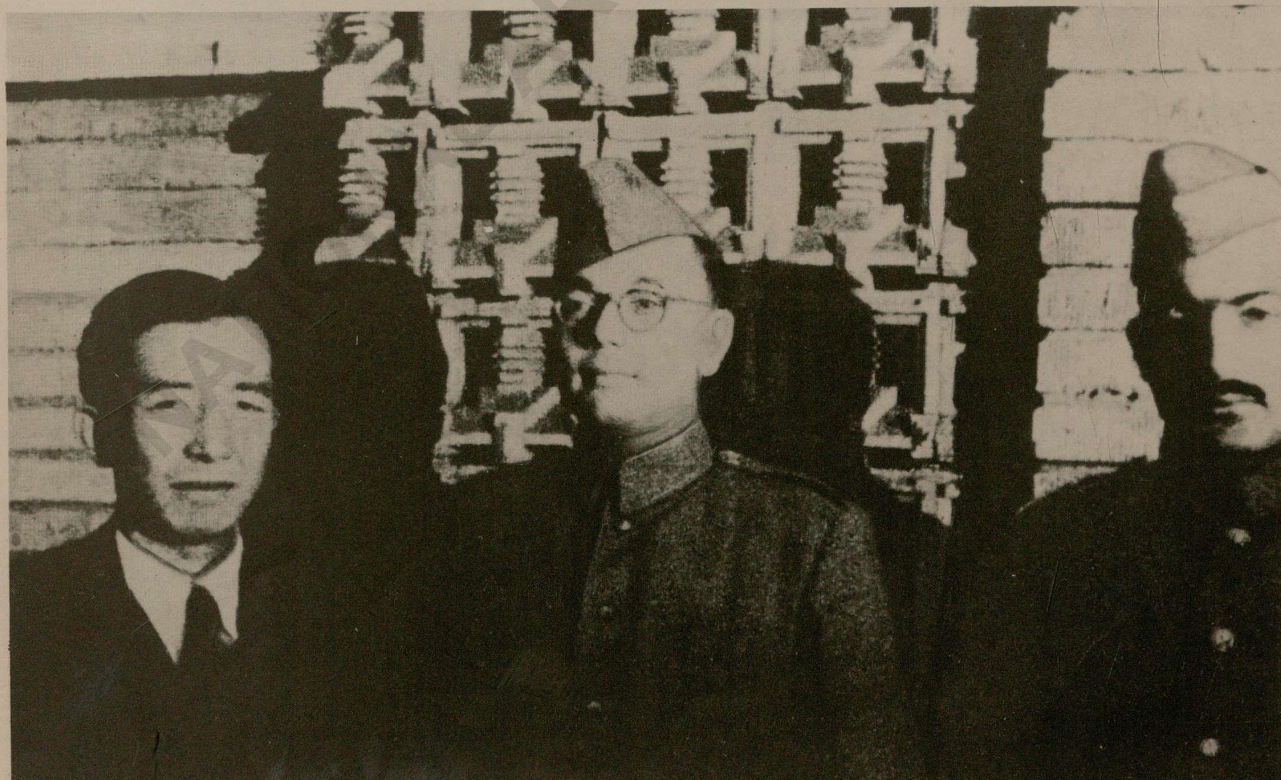
Top : Speaking at the Hibiya Hall, Tokyo Bottom : The rostrum of the mass meeting at Hibiya Park



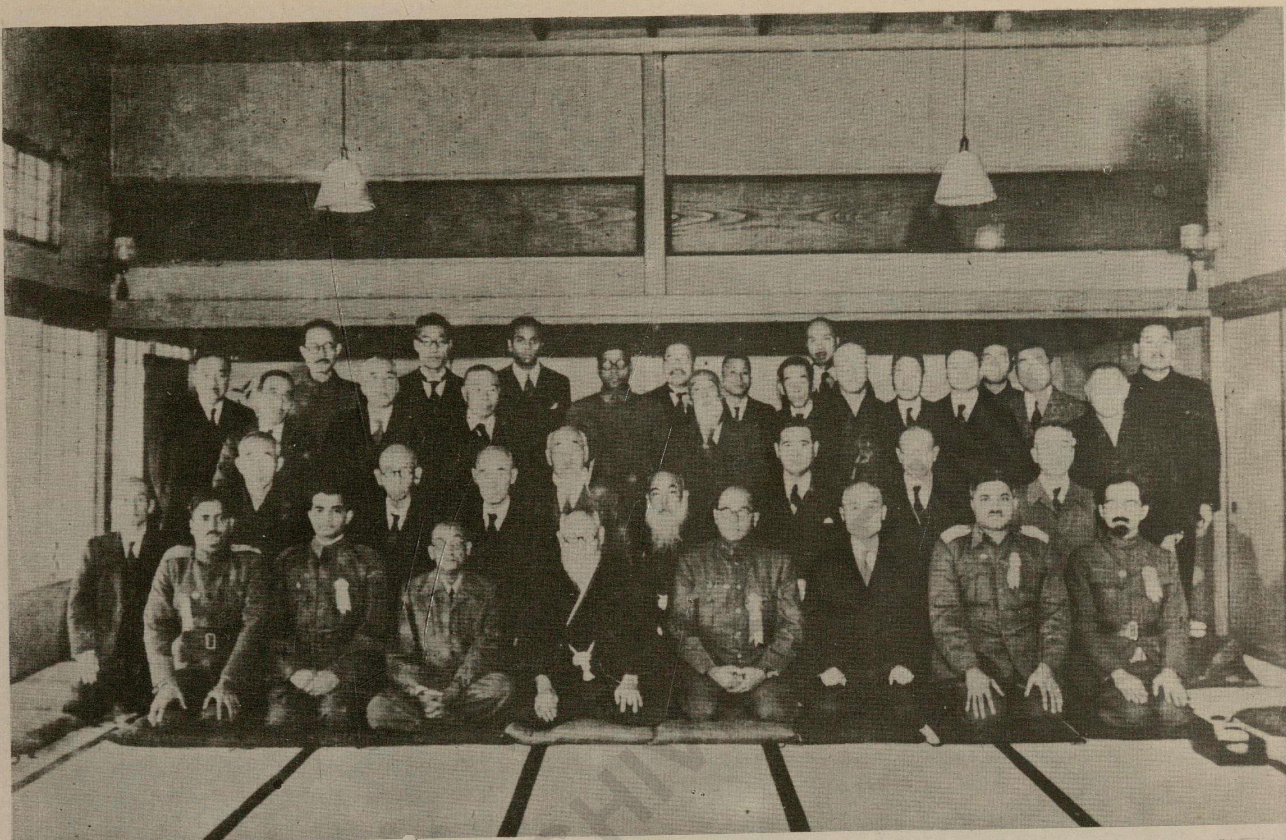
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Top : The gathering at Hibiya Park to hear Asian leaders Bottom : Snapped at his hotel in Tokyo



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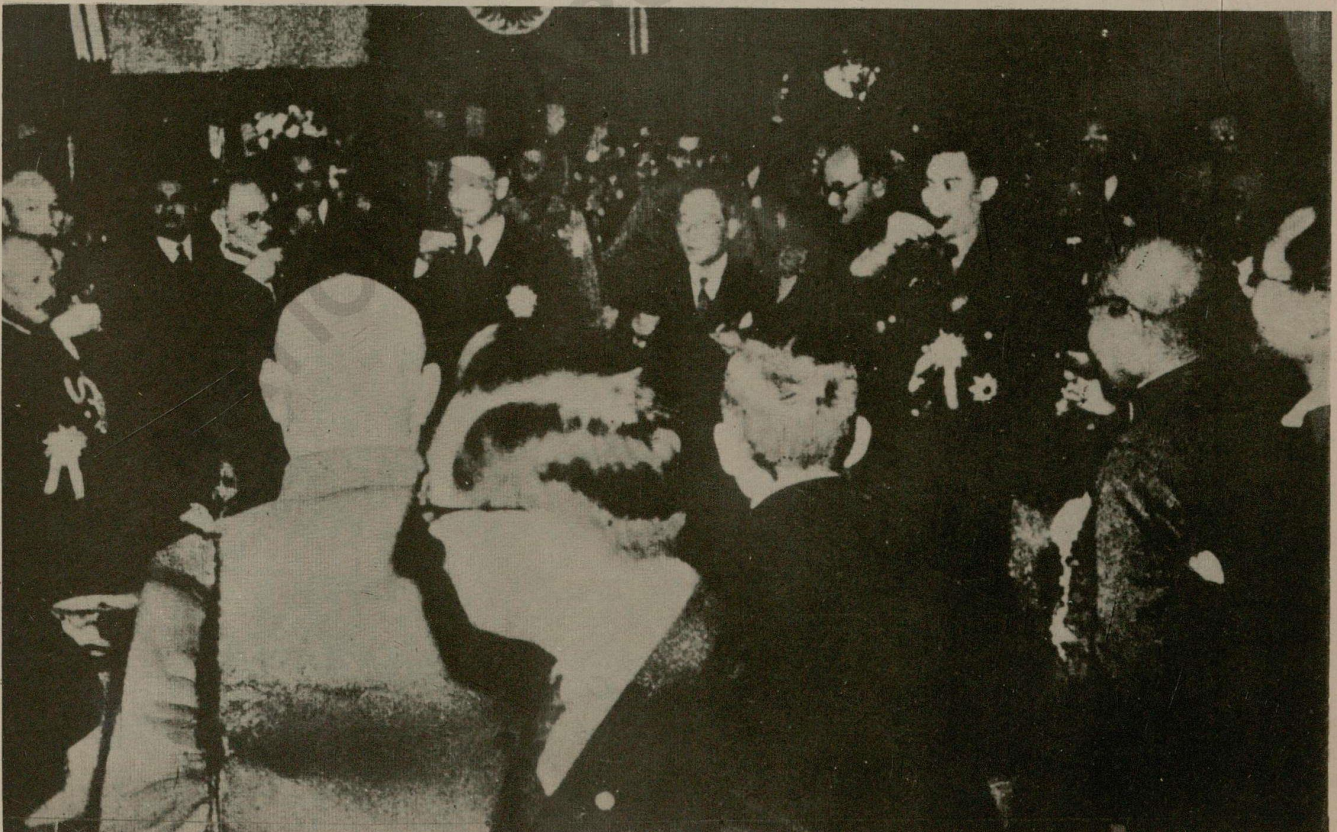
Top : A group photograph at a reception by Mitsuru Toyama Bottom : The traditional Japanese reception





Conferring with Mitsuru Toyama and Rash Behari Bose in Tokyo. Netaji had declared already : "The liberation of Asia cannot be complete until India is free. The Indian people must, therefore, rise and liberate themselves and thereby help the emancipation of other Asiatic nations. Above all, India must seize the hand of friendship which Japan has offered to India and to other suppressed nations of Asia . . ."

Bottom : At a diplomatic party at the end of the Asian leaders' conference

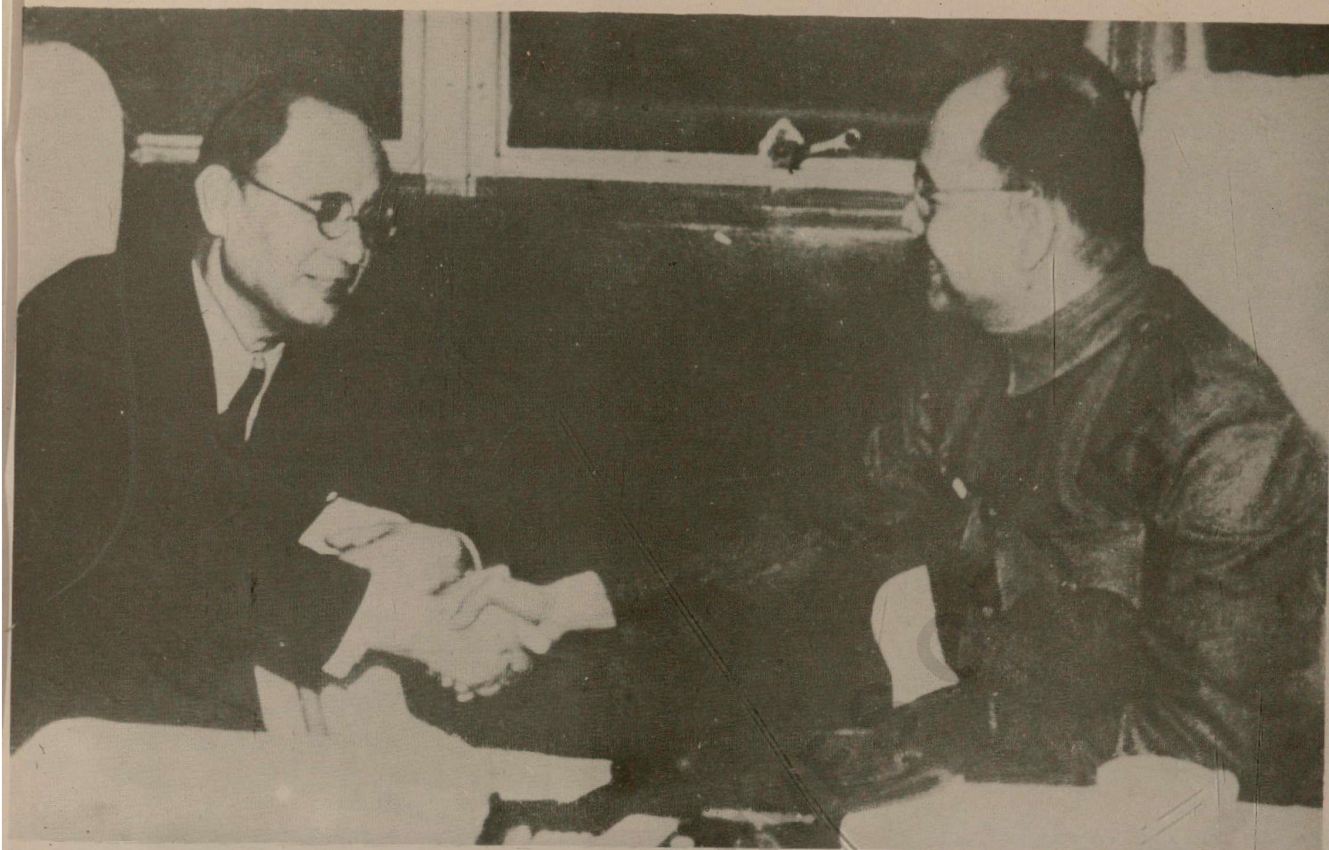


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Top : Speaking to the international press Bottom : Meeting diplomatic representatives of foreign countries





Top : With Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Foreign Minister Bottom : Proceeding to meet the Japanese Emperor



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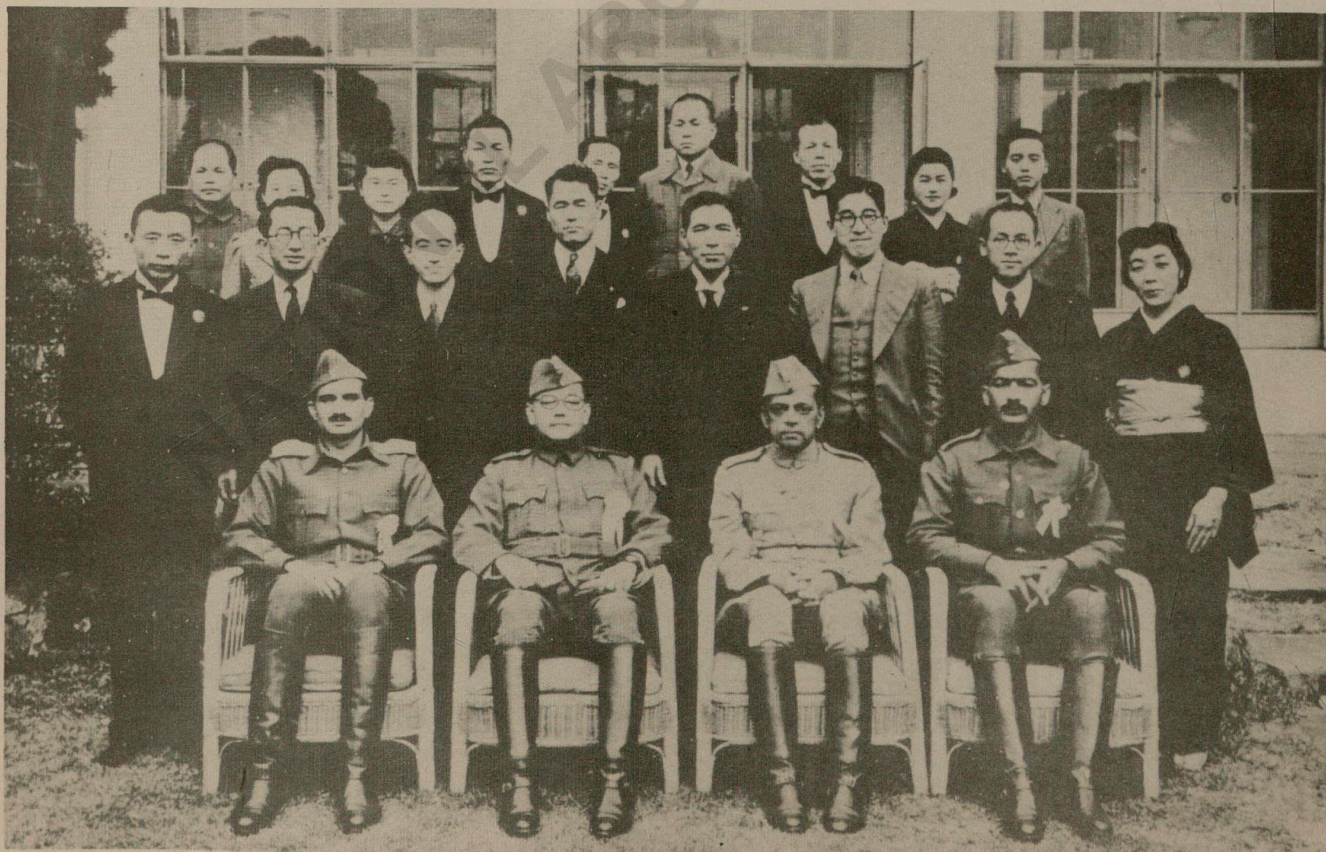
Top : Visiting the historic Meiji Shrine Bottom : With Marshal Sugiyama, Chief of Japanese Naval Staff



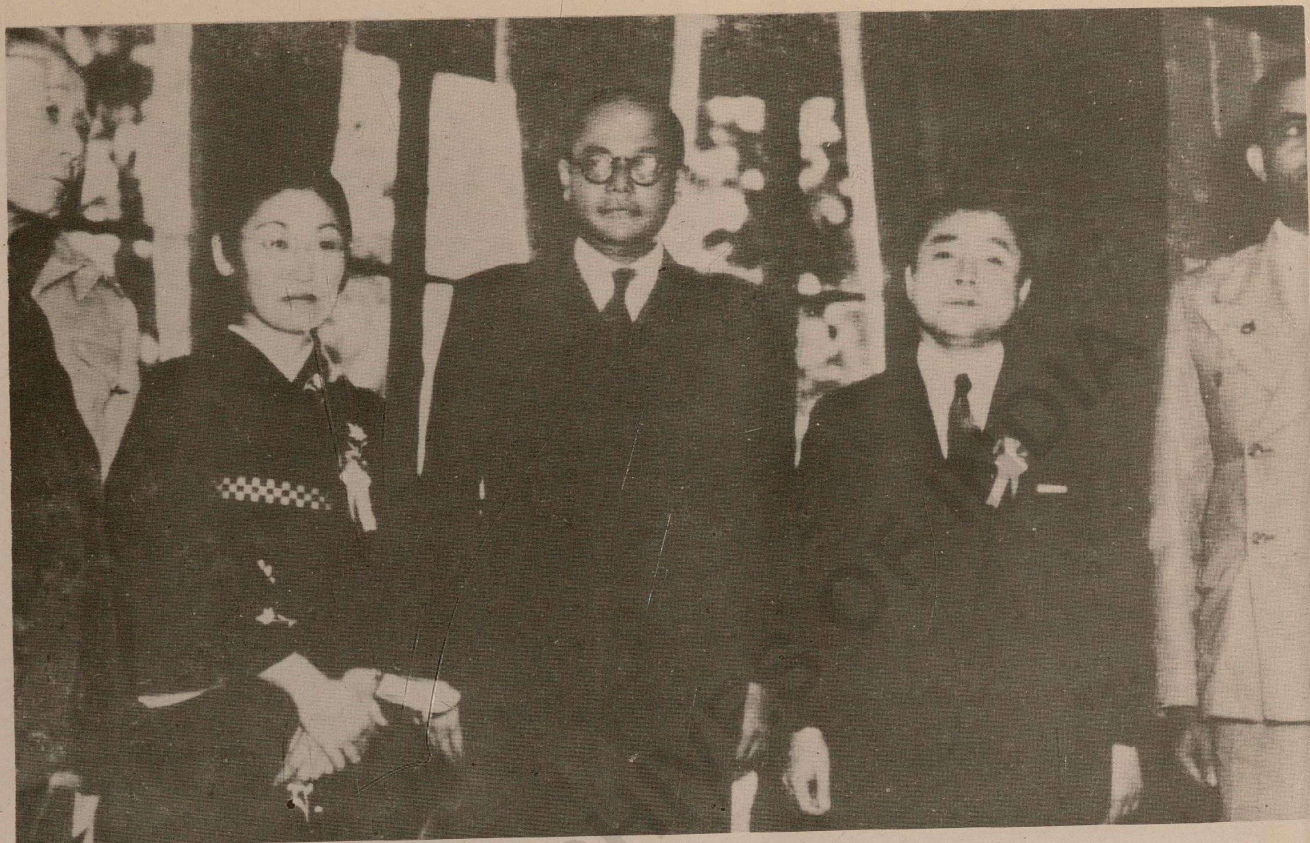
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During his visit to Tokyo as the Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind in 1943, Netaji was ceremonially presented with a sword as a token of friendship and support of the Japanese nation for the cause of Indian Independence. Netaji is seen here holding the sword. After nearly quarter of a century, the sword was discovered by Japanese friends of India and presented to the Netaji Museum in Calcutta by General Iwaichi Fujiwara at a historic ceremony in 1967. It is now preserved in the Netaji Museum.
Bottom : A group photograph with Japanese friends and senior I.N.A. officers in Tokyo



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Two pictures with his Japanese hosts in Tokyo



A portrait autographed for
Yamamoto, formerly Japanese
military attache in Berlin and
later head of Hikari Kikan

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Autographed
H. Yamamoto
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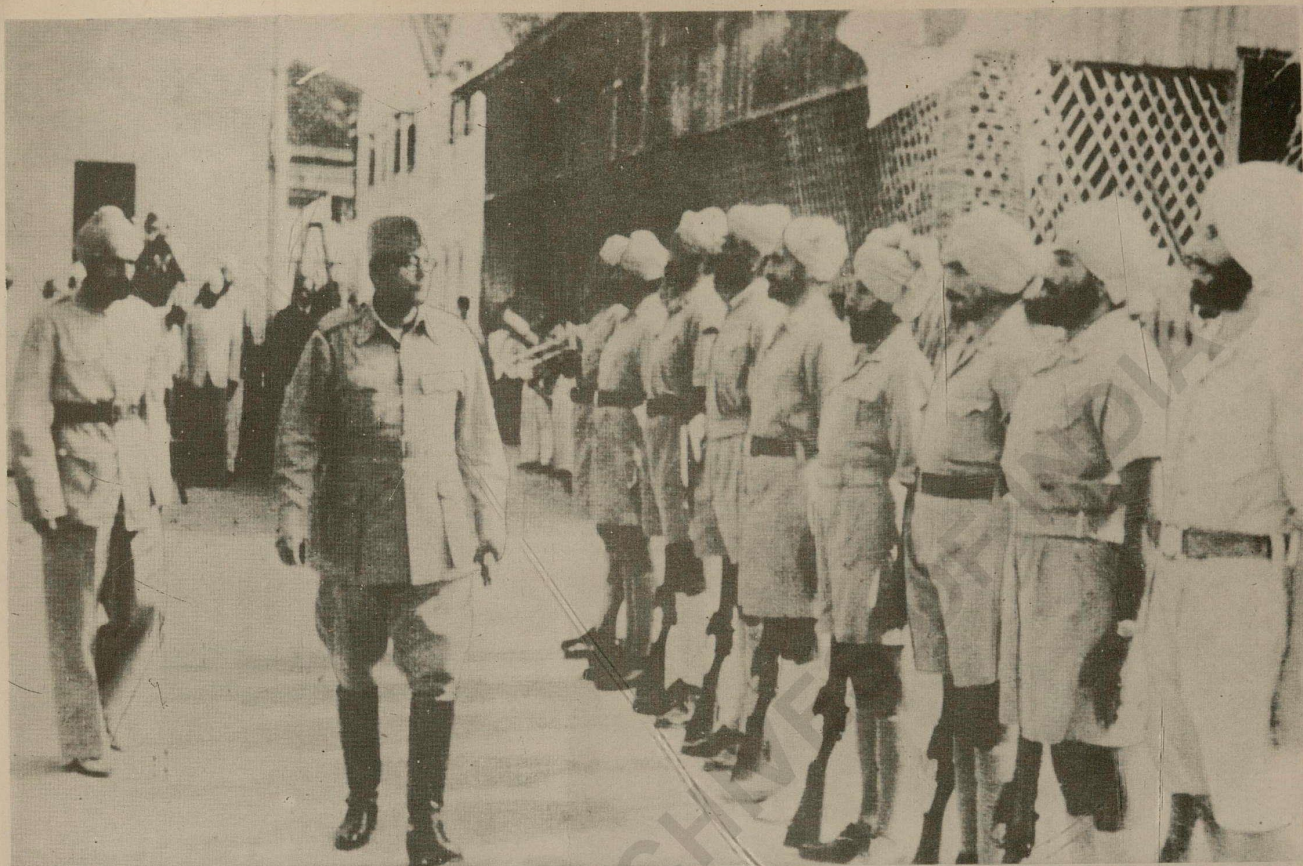
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Top : Taking the salute of Indian residents of Shanghai on the way back from Tokyo Bottom : Another sword presentation ceremony



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Top : Inspecting I.N.A. recruits in China Bottom : Two pictures of Netaji's historic visit to Sun-Yat-Sen Mausoleum near Nanking, China

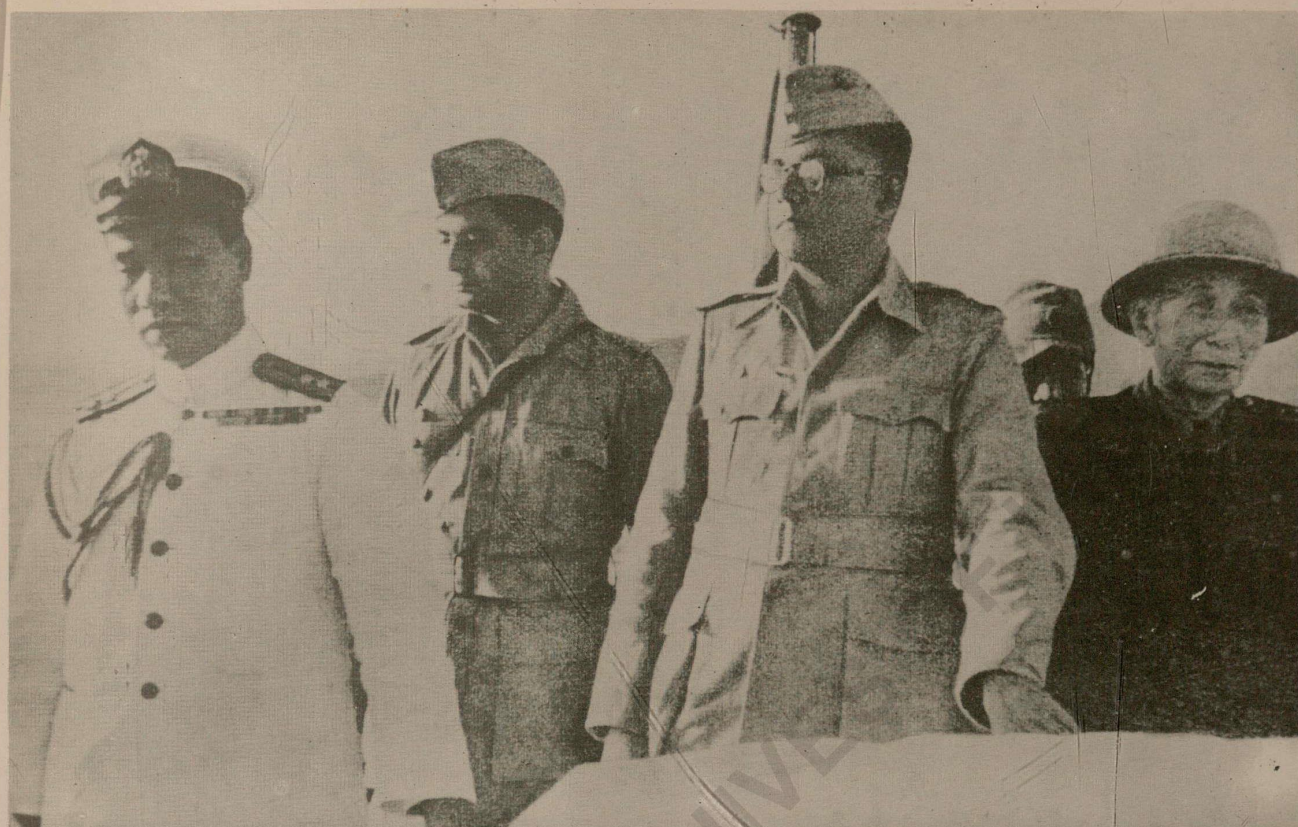




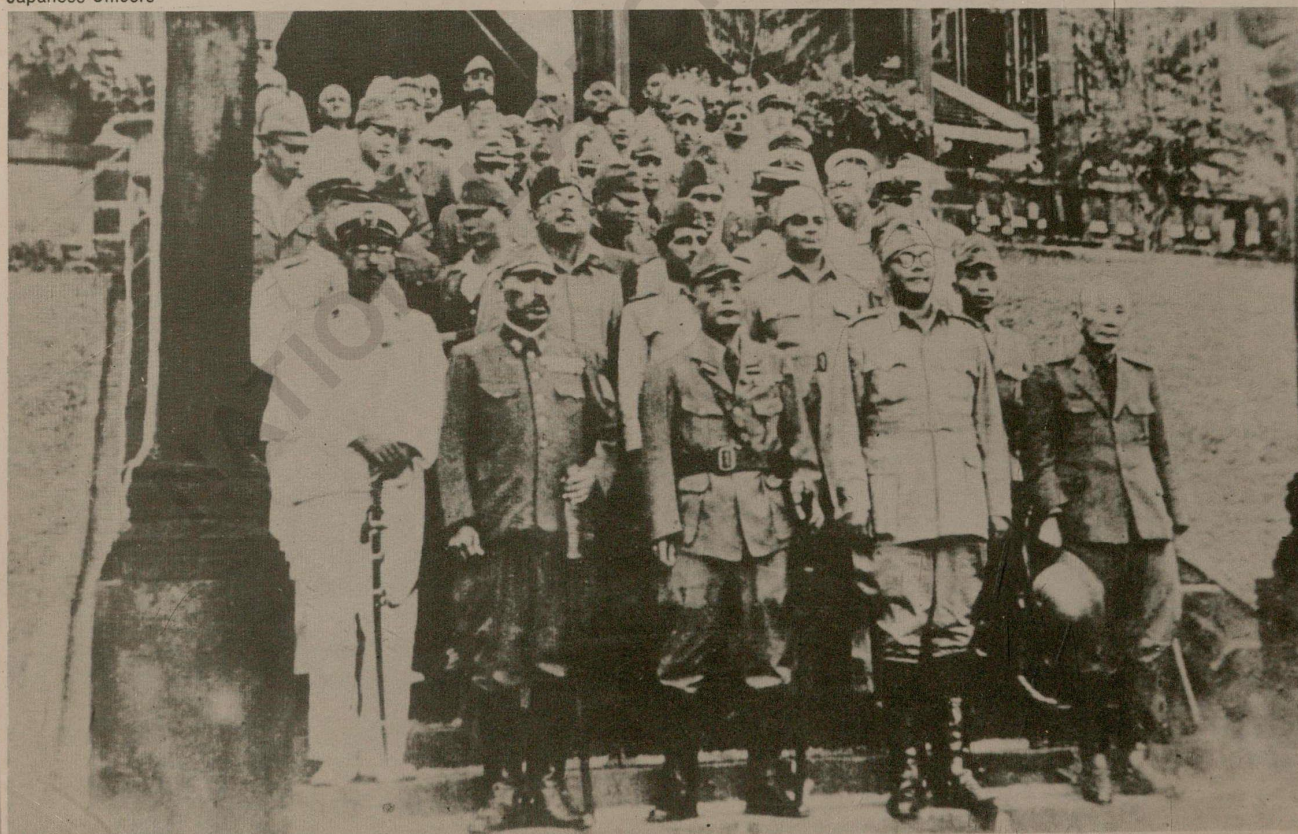
Top : Netaji alights from his plane at Port Blair, Andaman, on 29 December 1943 Bottom : Azad Hind Volunteers present a guard of honour to the Head of State



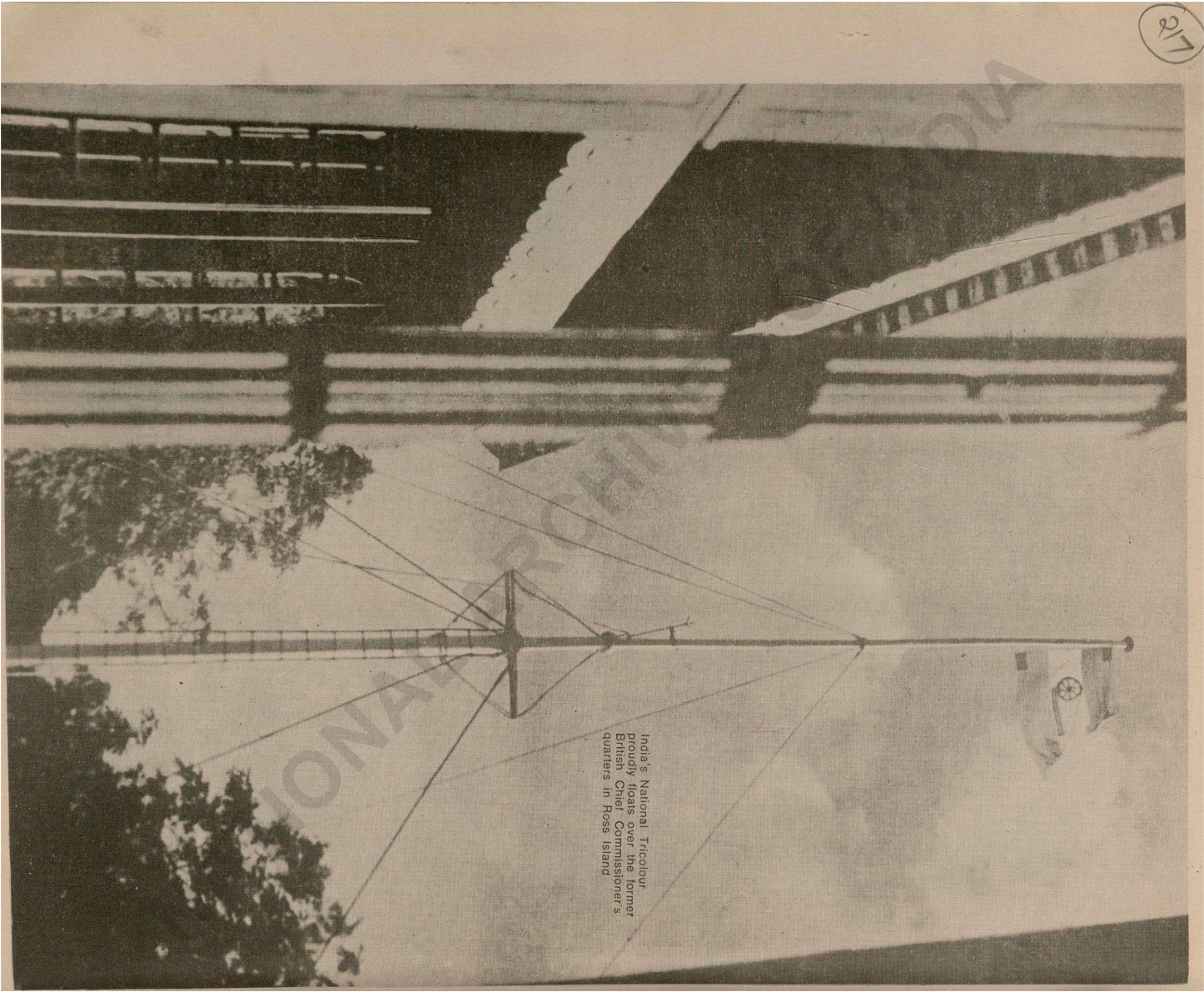
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Top : Proceeding to the Ross Island Bottom : At the former British Chief Commissioner's official residence in Ross Island with I.N.A. and Japanese officers



India's National Tricolour
proudly floats over the former
British Chief Commissioner's
quarters in Ross Island



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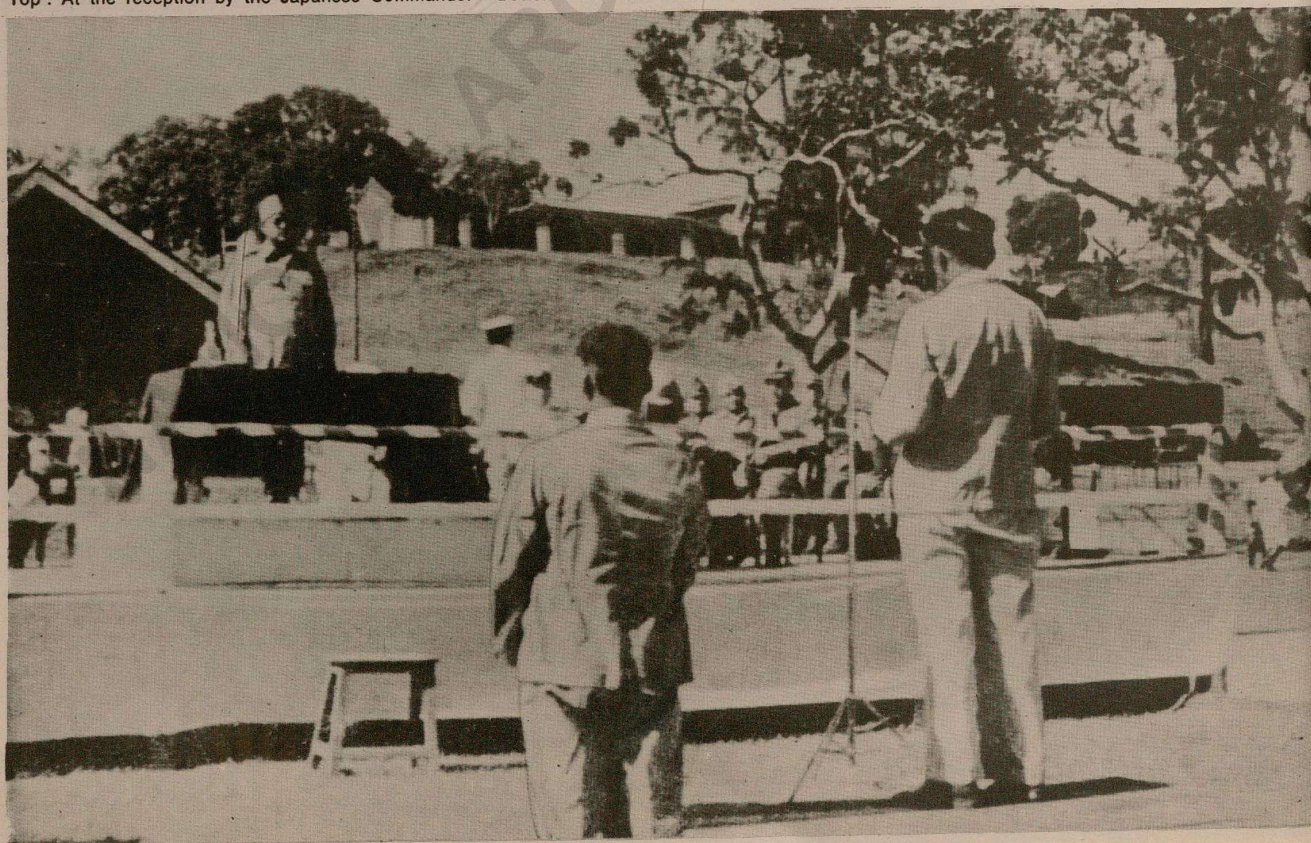
Top : Netaji is received at the Gymkhana ground by the Japanese Commander on his arrival for a mass rally Bottom : The Azad Hindu Volunteers present guard of honour



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Top : At the reception by the Japanese Commander Bottom : The address of welcome is read at the open mass rally



Netaji, accompanied by members of the Azad Hind Government and his staff, paid an official visit to Andaman Islands from 29 to 31 December 1943. He stayed at the former British Chief Commissioner's official residence on Ross Island. His visit followed the Japanese Prime Minister's historic declaration at the Assembly of Greater East Asiatic Nations in Tokyo on 6 November 1943 that the Andaman and Nicobar Islands would be transferred to the Provisional Government of Azad Hind.

On 30 November Netaji addressed a mass rally of Indians at the Gymkhana ground in front of the Andaman Club and formally hoisted the national tricolour to the accompaniment of the national anthem. He visited the notorious Cellular Jail, where Indian revolutionaries used to be detained by the British, the same afternoon. He spent two hours there going round the Indian Bastille.

Describing his visit to the islands later, Netaji said: "During this visit I and the members of my party had the unique experience of our lives when we stood on the soil of Free India for the first time.

It was an unforgettable event for us to see our national tricolour flag fluttering in the air over the former British Chief Commissioner's residence on Ross Island... and we wondered all the time how the wheels of history were now moving in India's favour.

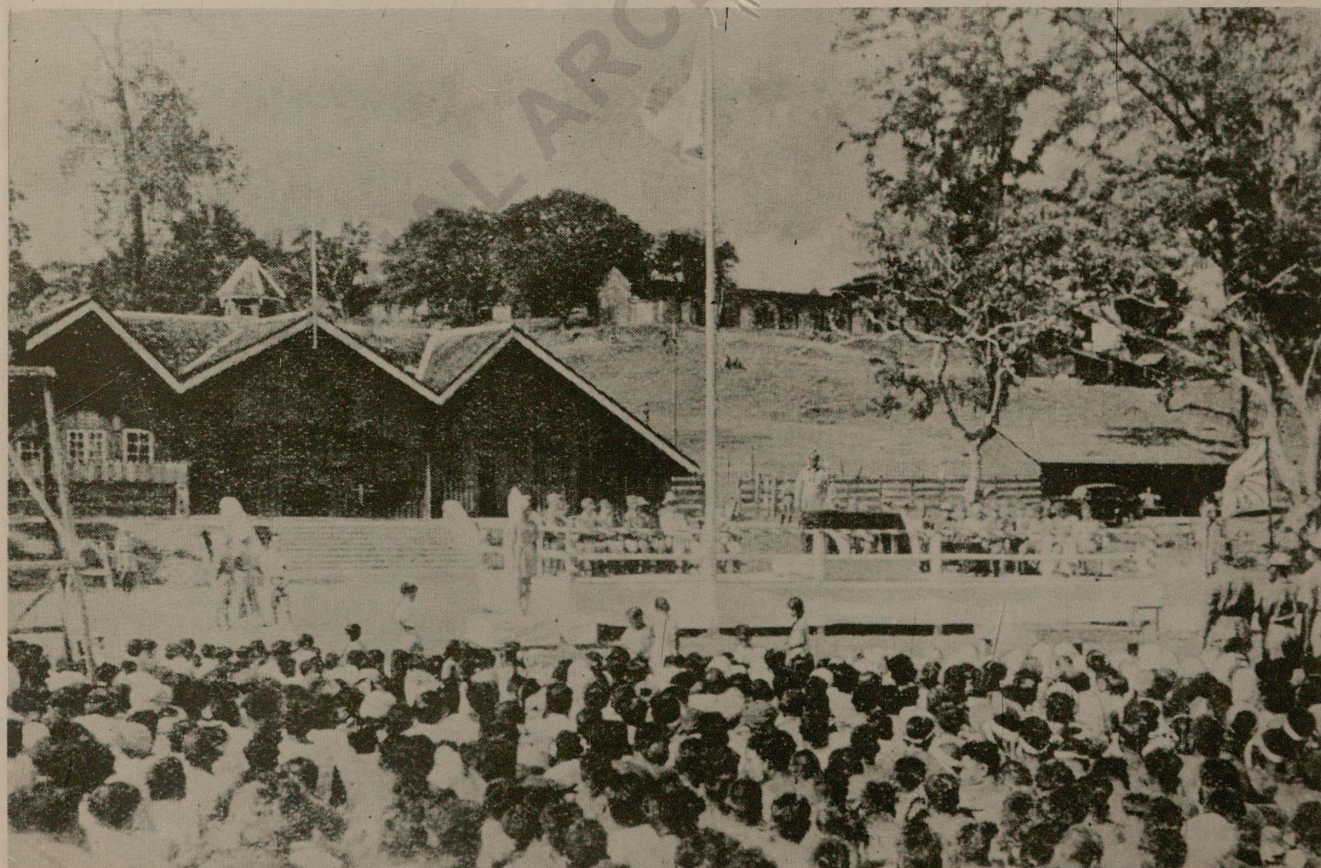
"...While we were in the Andaman Island we visited the notorious Cellular Jail in Port Blair and paid homage to those patriotic countrymen of ours who suffered indescribable persecution and torture in the past and some of them even laid down their lives as victims of British tyranny and brutality.

"For Indians the return of the Andamans represents the first territory to be liberated from British yoke. By the acquisition of this territory, the Provisional Government has now become a national entity in fact as well as in name. The liberation of the Andamans has symbolic significance because the Andamans has always been used by the British as a prison for political prisoners. Most of the political prisoners sentenced to penal servitude for conspiracies to overthrow the British Government—and there have been hundreds of them—were locked up in this island. Like the Bastille in Paris,

which was liberated first in the French Revolution, setting free political prisoners, the Andamans where our patriots suffered is the first to be liberated in India's fight for independence...."

Netaji renamed Andamans as 'Shaheed' in memory of the martyrs and the Nicobars as 'Swaraj'

Below: Netaji is seen addressing the mass rally at Gymkhana ground after hoisting the national flag

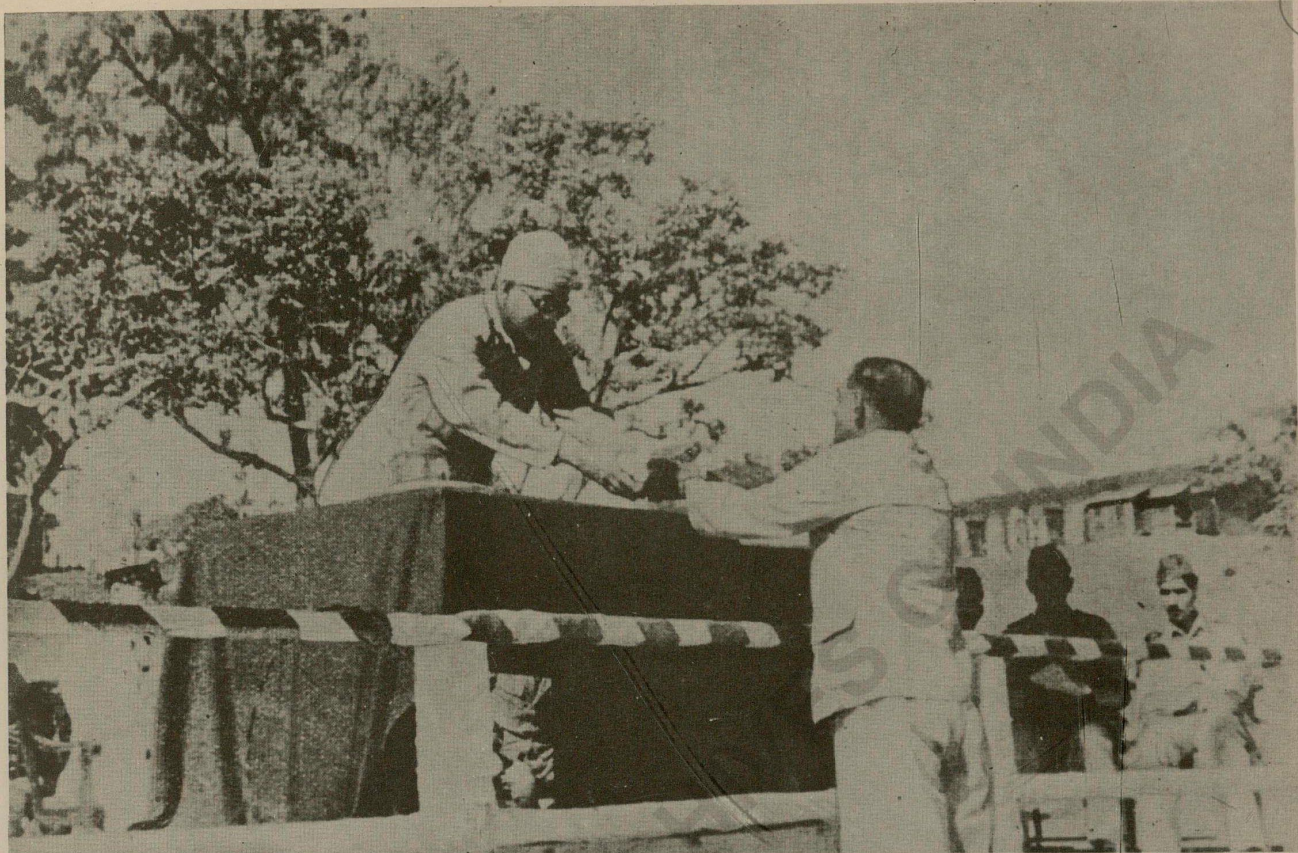


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Netaji speaks



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After Netaji's historic visit to Andaman Islands a very important step forward was taken. The headquarters of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind was shifted to Rangoon in the first week of January 1944. Troops of the Indian National Army started moving in the direction of the Indian frontier for the coming march on Delhi. Netaji declared that the Indian war of independence which commenced in 1857, was now drawing to a close, and expressed the conviction that the attack of the Indian National Army from outside and the strengthening of the internal agitation will together destroy British Imperialism completely and liberate India.

Top : Receiving a present from the leader of the Indian community

Bottom : Netaji speaks and volunteers stand to attention



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Top : Watching an open-air show by local residents Bottom : Inside the Cellular Jail, Port Blair



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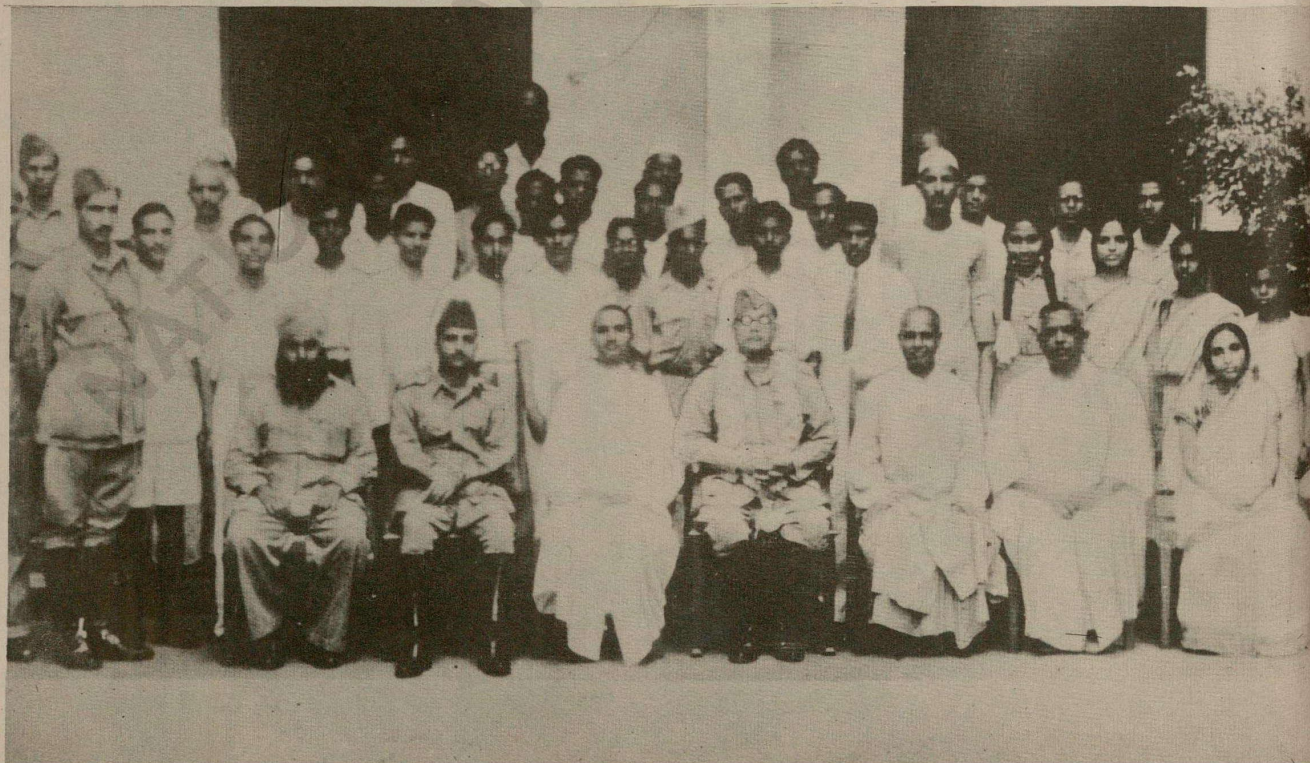


Netaji coming out of the Cellular Jail

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Top left : Netaji and the iron bars of the Indian Bastille Top right : Gazing across the seas towards India from the Andaman coast
Bottom : A group photograph with Brahmachari Kailasan and others at the Ramakrishna Mission, Singapore





Top : The headquarters of the Provisional Government at Singapore Bottom : At one of the numerous campaign meetings in Malaya



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With the young : Top : A young boy receives a prize from Netaji Bottom : A young girl competitor receives her trophy

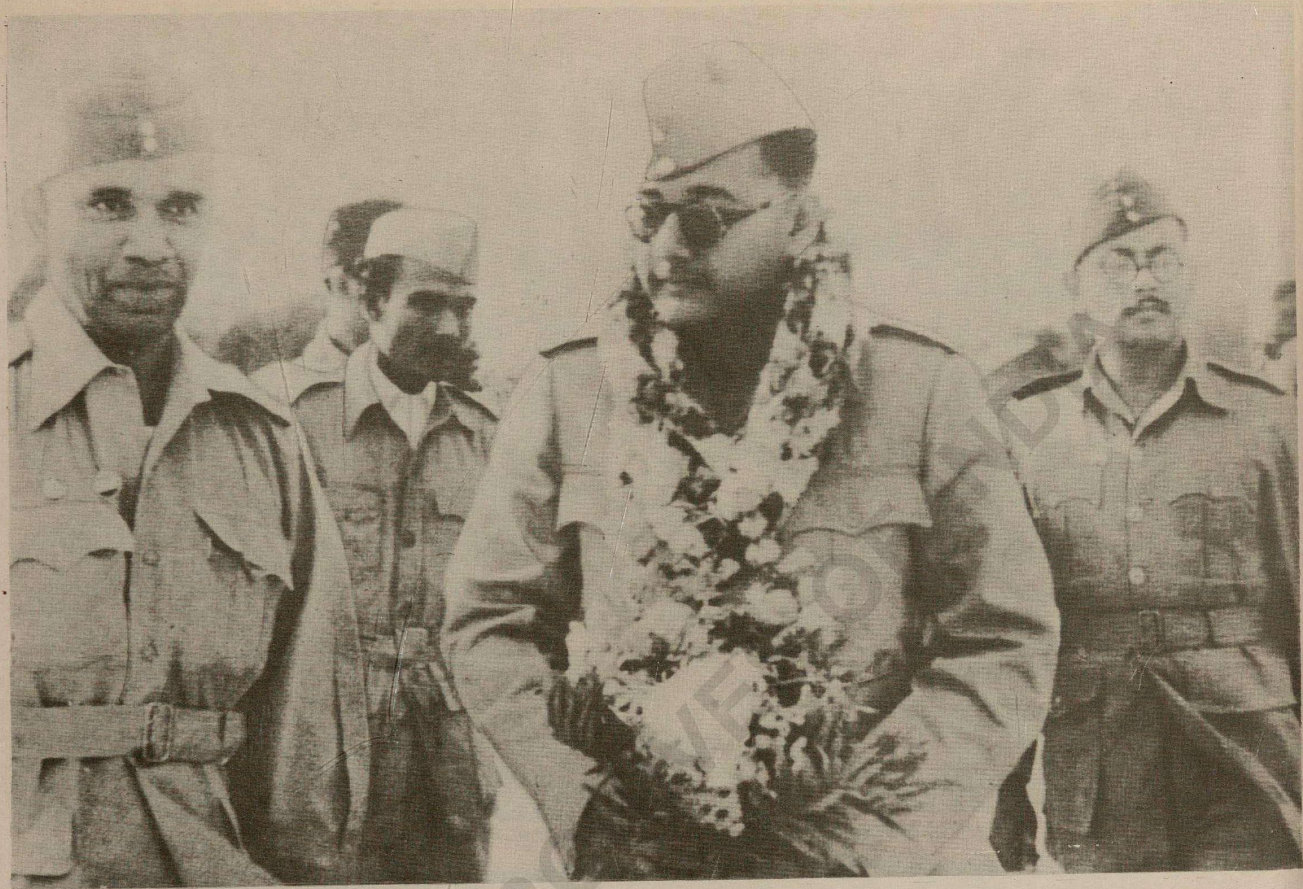




Top : President Ba Maw and his cabinet receive Netaji on his arrival at Rangoon airport Bottom : Netaji introduces his colleagues to the Burmese leader



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Top : A warm welcome Bottom : Meeting the Press in Rangoon





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Top : At a mass meeting with Ba Maw Bottom : Rousing response of the populace to Netaji's call 'Liberty or Death'



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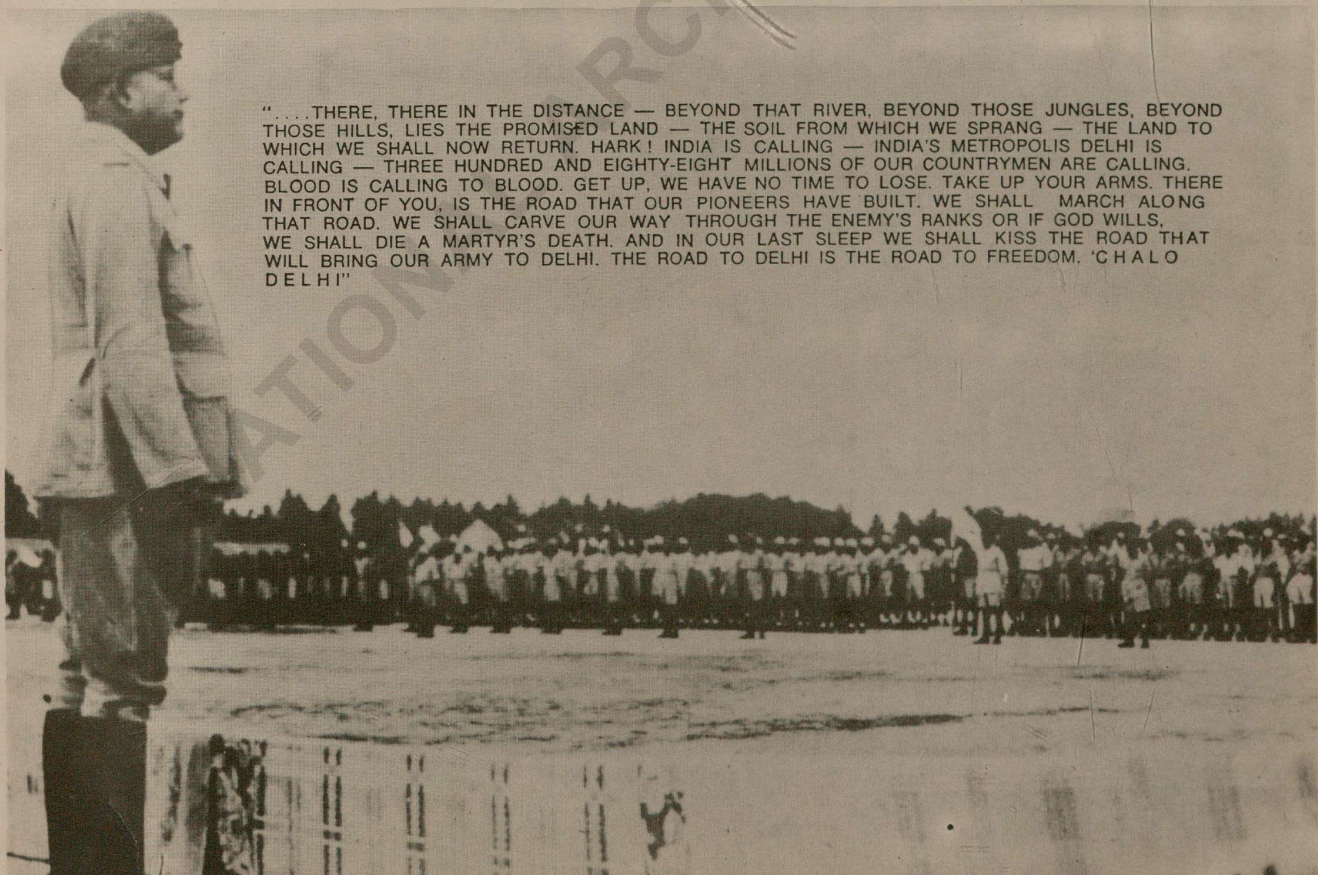


Top : Visiting his old prison in Rangoon Bottom : The headquarters of the Provisional Government in Rangoon



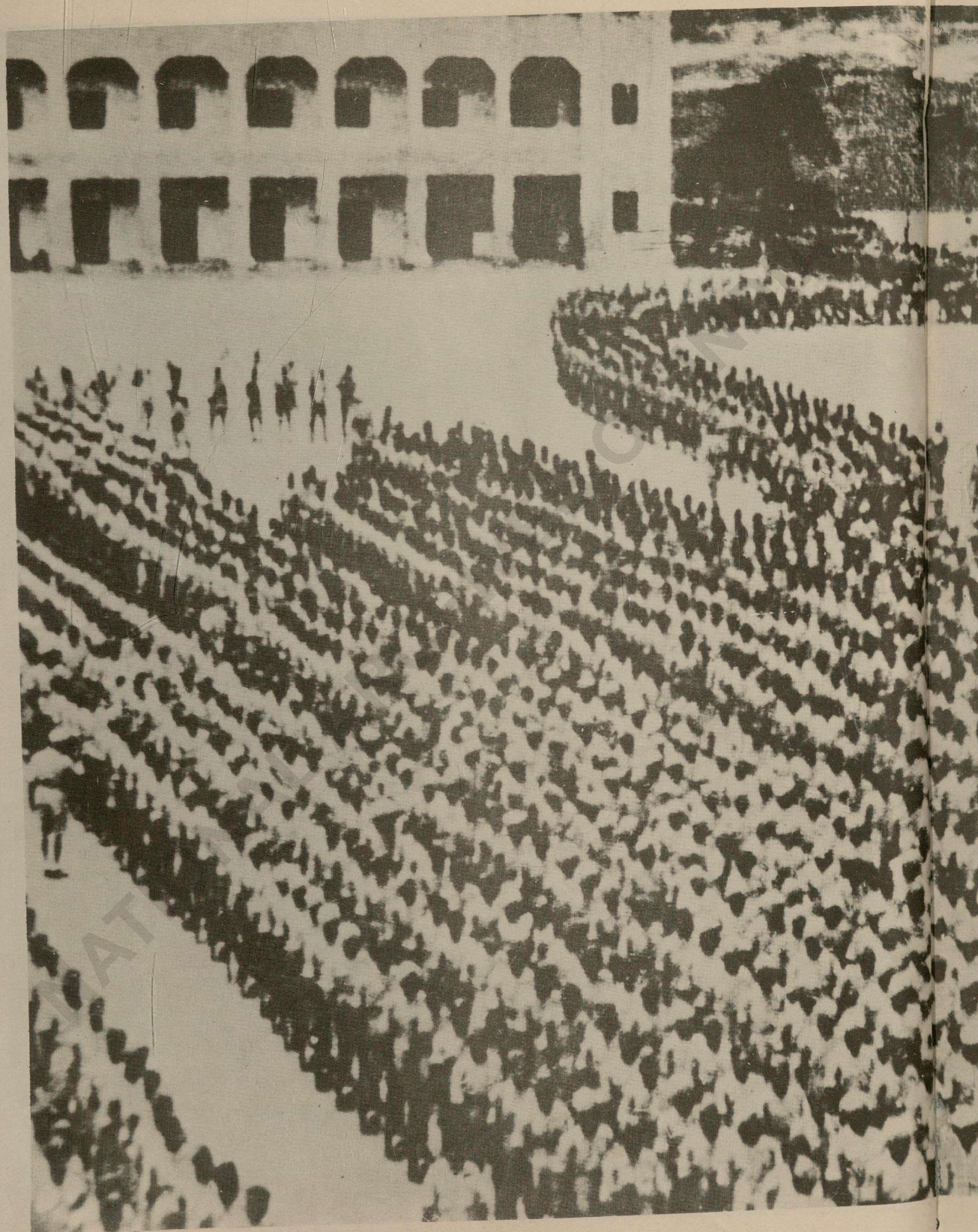


Top : Japanese Commander in Burma, Kawabe speaking at a reception Bottom : Face to face with his men about to march to Delhi

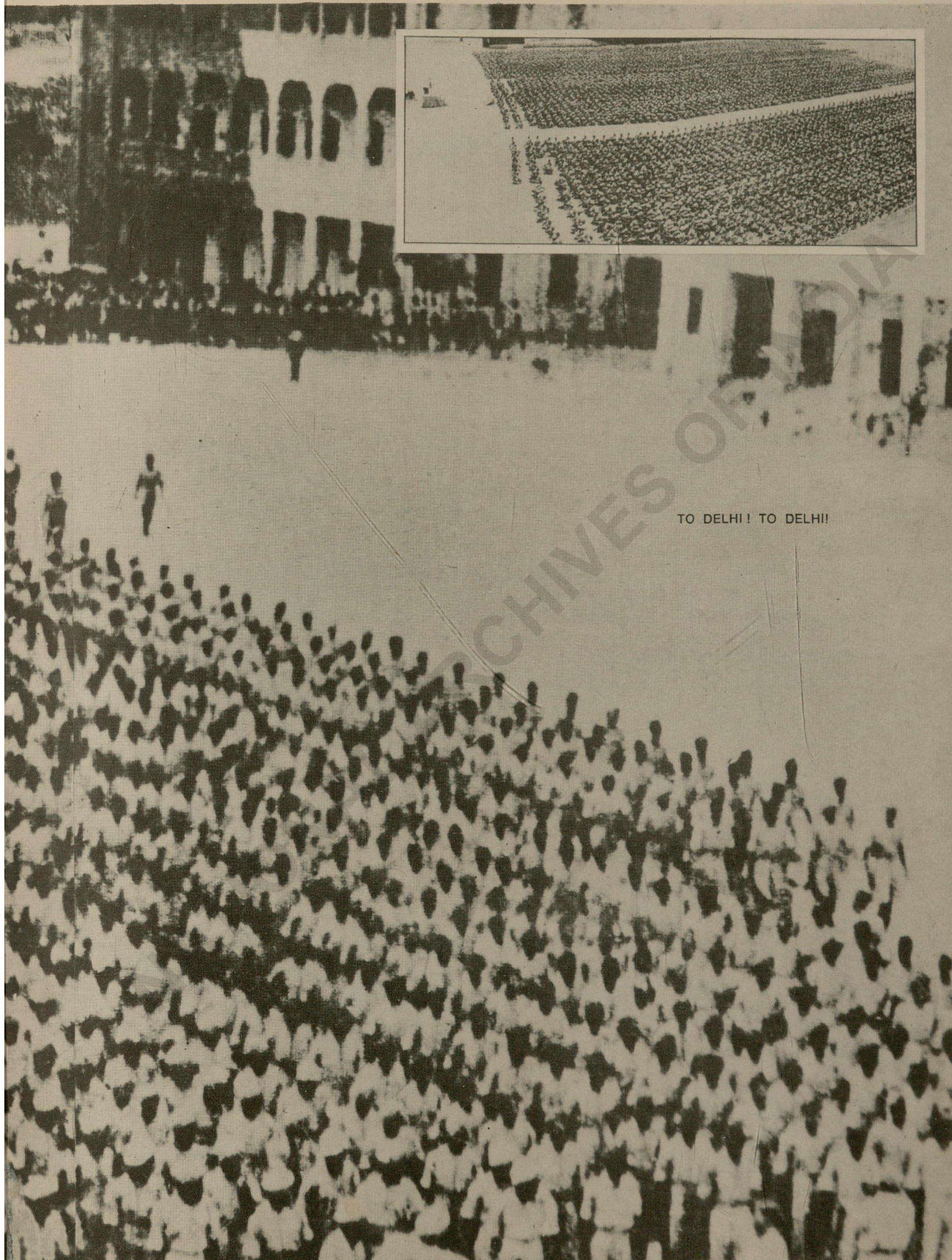


"...THERE, THERE IN THE DISTANCE — BEYOND THAT RIVER, BEYOND THOSE JUNGLES, BEYOND THOSE HILLS, LIES THE PROMISED LAND — THE SOIL FROM WHICH WE SPRANG — THE LAND TO WHICH WE SHALL NOW RETURN. HARK! INDIA IS CALLING — INDIA'S METROPOLIS DELHI IS CALLING — THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT MILLIONS OF OUR COUNTRYMEN ARE CALLING. BLOOD IS CALLING TO BLOOD. GET UP, WE HAVE NO TIME TO LOSE, TAKE UP YOUR ARMS. THERE IN FRONT OF YOU, IS THE ROAD THAT OUR PIONEERS HAVE BUILT. WE SHALL MARCH ALONG THAT ROAD. WE SHALL CARVE OUR WAY THROUGH THE ENEMY'S RANKS OR IF GOD WILLS, WE SHALL DIE A MARTYR'S DEATH. AND IN OUR LAST SLEEP WE SHALL KISS THE ROAD THAT WILL BRING OUR ARMY TO DELHI. THE ROAD TO DELHI IS THE ROAD TO FREEDOM, 'CHALO DELHI'"

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TO DELHI! TO DELHI!

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Top : The Rani of Jhansi Regiment reports to Netaji in battle formation Bottom : Netaji watching the Ranis at target practice



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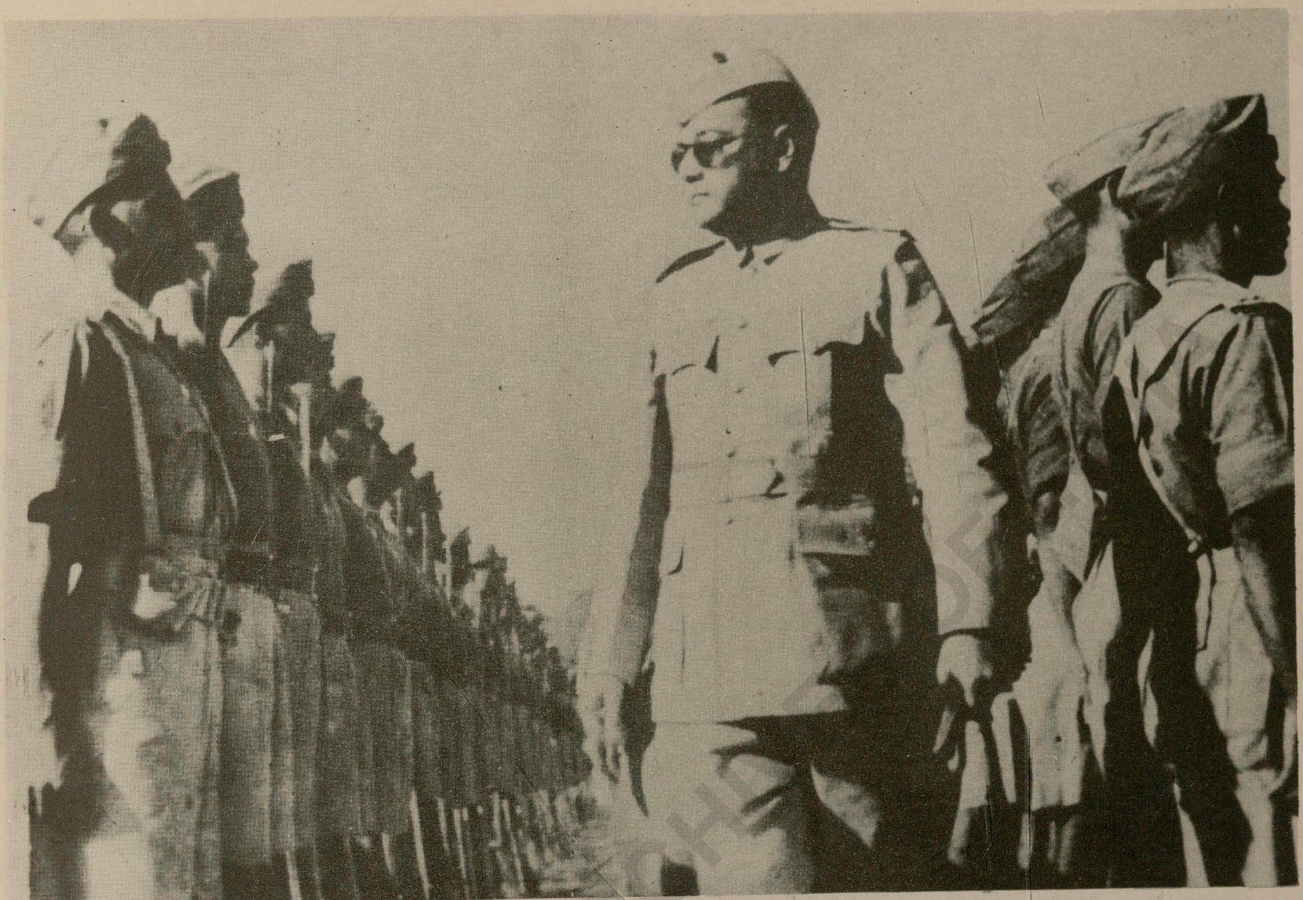


A portrait 1944



Top : I.N.A. troops moving to the front Bottom : Armoured columns in battle readiness





Top : Netaji inspects his advance troops Bottom : Armoured cars of the I.N.A.



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Sisters and Brothers! The Indian National Army under the command of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, which was established at Shonan on October 21, 1943, in accordance with the general will of the 3-million Indians in East Asia, has advanced deep into India after crossing the national border.

The provisional Government of Azad Hind, which is your government, aims at realizing only one mission... the establishment of a permanent National Government of Free India based upon the will of the Indian people by driving out British and American troops from the sacred soil of India. The Provisional Government of Azad Hind will fight until the British and American forces are either crushed or are driven out of India.

Simultaneously, the Government will advance toward the construction of the liberated areas...

Sisters and Brothers! Today when the enemy is being driven out of India, you have returned to yourselves, in other words, you have returned to the nation of freedom!

COME AND JOIN THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF AZAD HIND WHICH IS YOUR OWN GOVERNMENT! ASSIST THE DEFENCE OF FREE INDIA WHICH YOU HAVE NEWLY ACQUIRED

SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

High Command of the Indian National Army



Top : Netaji's appeal distributed among the people by the I.N.A. after crossing the frontier Bottom : A pictorial leaflet depicting the March on Delhi

**WE STAND UP WITH
ARMS IN OUR HANDS!**

**DELHI KO!
DELHI KO KUNCH**



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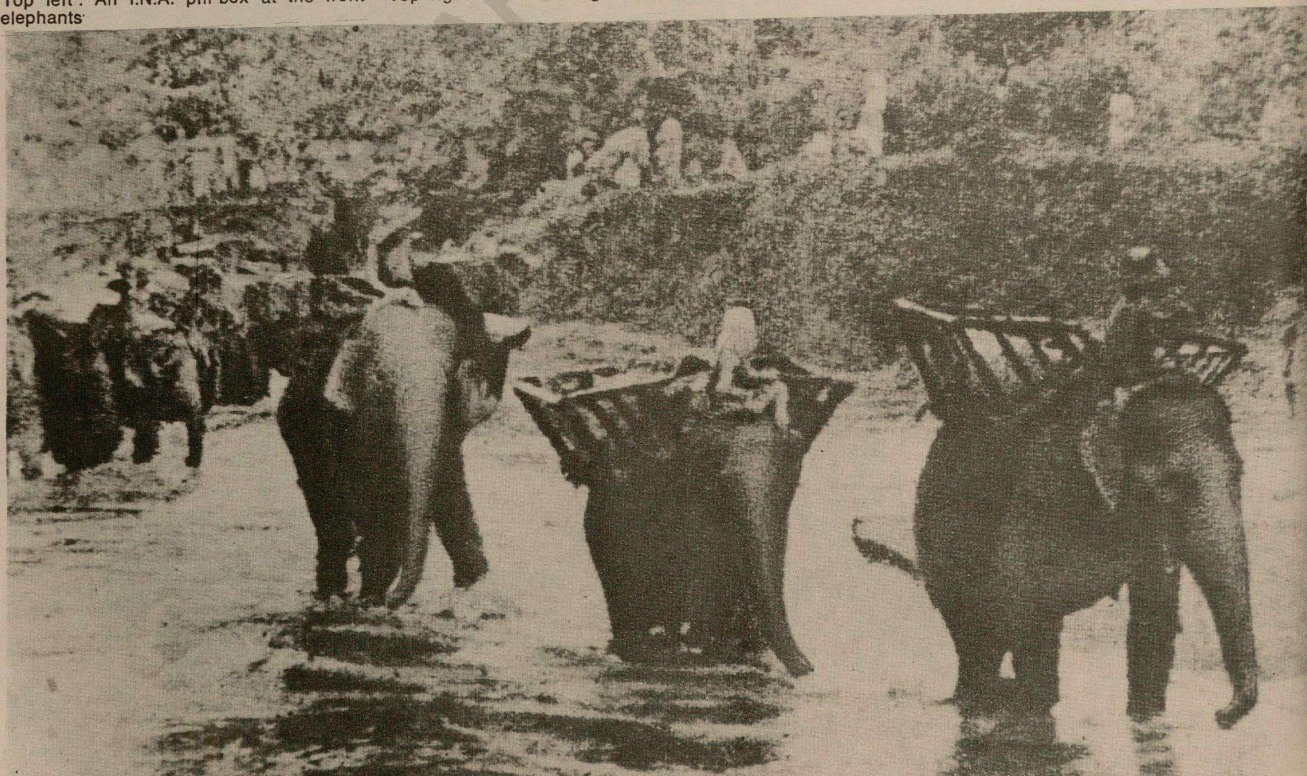
Top : I.N.A. troops advancing through jungles of Northeast frontier Bottom : An I.N.A. soldier looks for the enemy



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Top left : An I.N.A. pill-box at the front · Top right : A camouflaged I.N.A. soldier on the march · Bottom : I.N.A. transports crossing a river on elephants



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Netaji at the front



FREE INDIA)

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AN NATIONAL ARMY SE MILNE KA
OFF JO KIH HINDUSTANION KI EK
PAKKI FAUJ HAI.

2. 24. Is parcha mile wuh hamari taraf sekte hain aur apne
 25. 25. Is parcha mile wuh hamari taraf sekte hain aur apne

1-2. Ammanat suraf eufed hapra hath so bulate hue ya hath uthee
hues joo. Ate waqt apne tamam rin'on aur gunon ke muzzale
pish ke har so.

The people of Nippon ya Indian National Army ke sipahi
ke tum no mil jae.

इसका group तबले Indian National Army में अपना ek
 part मिला कर ले जाये. Wuhin tumhara acchi tarah
 se use kar aur tum bara darya aur izat hasil kar sakte ho.

Commander-in-Chief Indian National Army.

Subscribed & sworn

此ノ時、英艦セル者ハ英水軍ヲ驅逐シ、印度
調査ノ爲メ印度海軍ヲ加シ米タレル者ナ
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Jis shaks ke pas yeh angreji wo woh Anglo-Americanon
ke tatab tarne aur Hindustan ke aur us harf ke ka kam da
an se kar raha hai. Is ke uske isko maal ki befaraz ki jar

Top : A secret message in Bengali in Netaji's handwriting carried by one of his agents sent to India in advance of the I.N.A. It is written from the Indo-Burma frontier and reads: "The bearer of this letter is entering India on a special mission. I shall be happy and grateful if my colleagues and supporters will assist him."

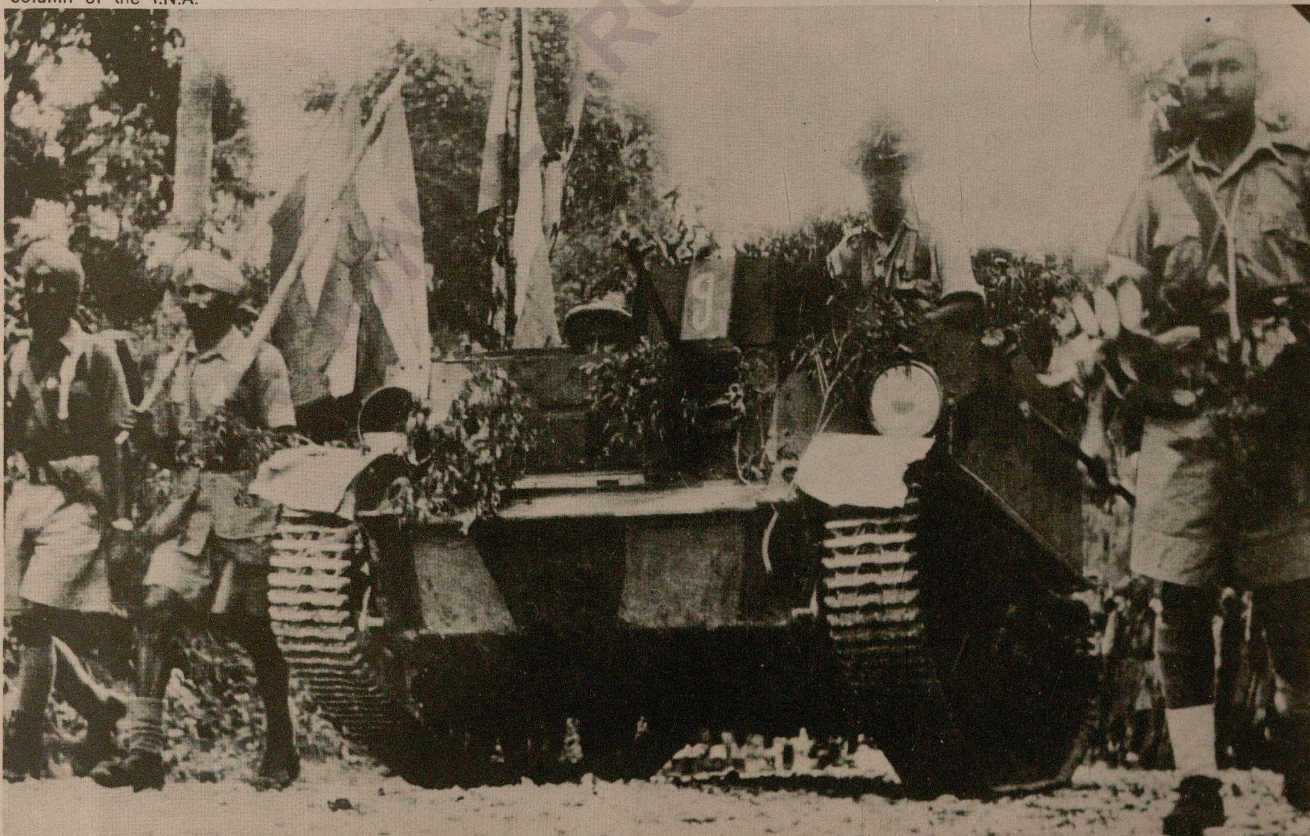
Bottom : A signed appeal from Netaji to troops of the British Indian Army to cross over and join the I.N.A. together with instructions as to how they should approach the Indo-Japanese forces opposing them. The appeal is in Hindustani in Roman script.

in Roman script.

In 1943 Netaji sent to India a number of youngmen specially trained in underground and intelligence work. They linked up with Netaji's underground organisation inside India and did very useful work in preparation of the advance of the I.N.A. A number of such heroic youngmen were apprehended by the British, subjected to inhuman torture and some of them executed after secret summary trials. Their exploits and martyrdom constitute an unforgettable saga of the final phase of India's battle for freedom.



Top : The leader of an advancing I.N.A. company addresses captured British Indian troops and displaying a picture of Netaji. Bottom : A tank column of the I.N.A.



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An I.N.A. armoured unit together with the infantry going into an attack

Inset : Netaji inspecting an anti-aircraft battery

The I.N.A. forges ahead with the slogan of 'On to Delhi' on their lips





Top : Netaji studies an operational map at the front Bottom : An I.N.A. group lights camp-fire for the night



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The first soldier in India's last war of independence

Top : Netaji reading the proclamation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind on Indian soil.

Bottom : Netaji announcing the crossing of the Indian frontier by the I.N.A. at a Press conference
Addressing his countrymen in India, Netaji said :

"The Provisional Government of Free India, your own government, has only one mission to fulfil. The mission is to expel the Anglo-American armies from the sacred soil of India by armed force and then bring about the establishment of a permanent national government of Azad Hind, in accordance with the will of the people.... While prosecuting the armed struggle the Provisional Government of Free India will push on with the work of reconstruction of the liberated areas.... It calls upon the Indian people in the liberated areas to render all assistance and co-operation to the Indian National Army and to the civilian officials appointed by the Provisional Government."





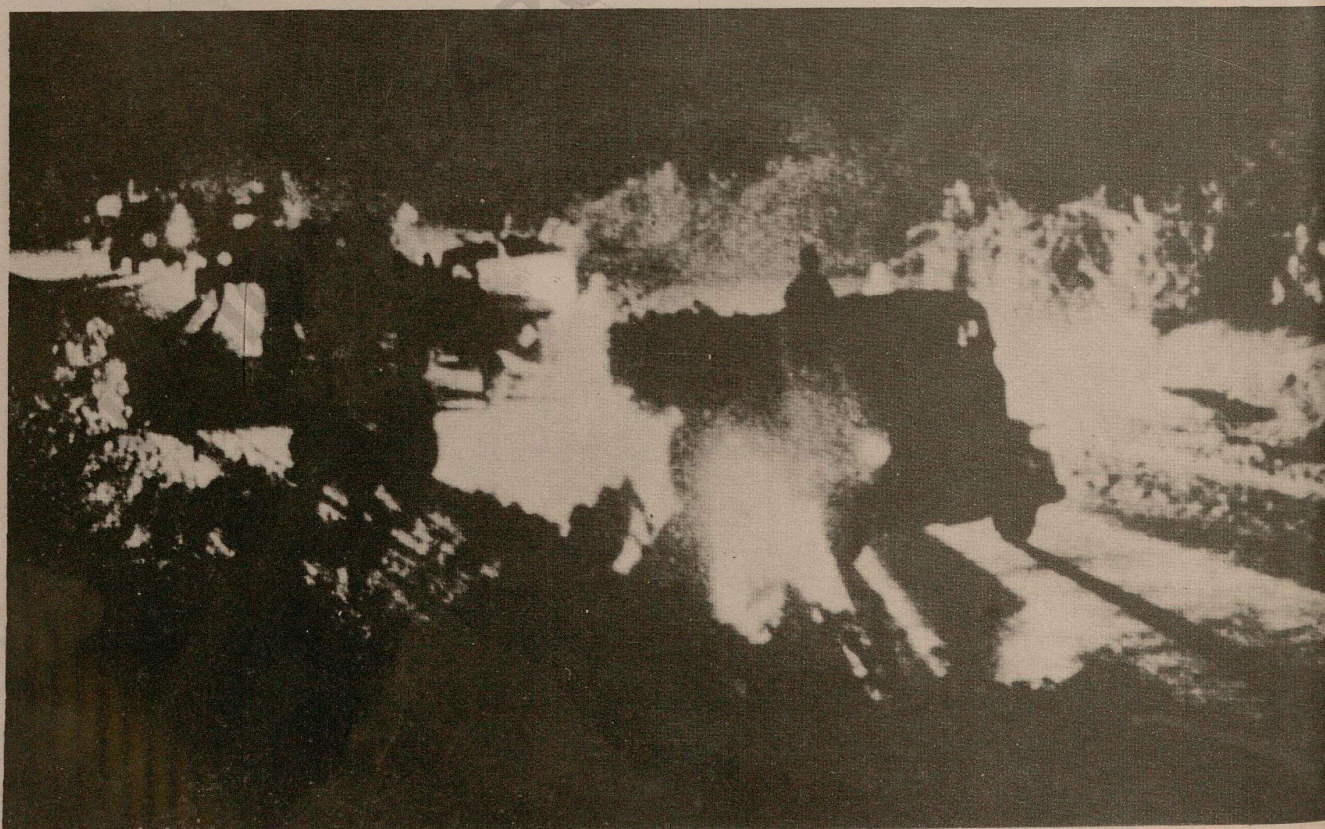
Pictures of the I.N.A. in action



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Top : The I.N.A. soldier fixes his target Bottom : An I.N.A. column moving in the night



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Top : Indo-Japanese forces rejoice on capturing a strategic position Bottom : The I.N.A. continues to advance



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A war cartoon by a Japanese artist





Villagers on the Indian side of the border greet and entertain Indo-Japanese forces



Top left : A letter written by Netaji on the eve of crossing the frontier
 Top right : The national tricolour is hoisted on a captured position as the air force goes into attack
 Bottom : Netaji with Japanese General Kawabe

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SADAR DASTAN
 ARZI HUKUMAT E AZAD HIND
 THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF FREE INDIA
 16. 4. 46

Tai Hui,
 I have an opportunity of sending mail to Rangoon and I am taking this opportunity of scribbling a few lines before crossing the frontier. As I do not know when I shall be able to communicate with you again

Things are going on very well at present - on the whole - and the spirits of all are high.

Please convey my respectful remembrance to Swami and accept mine from me.

Besides our troops, many many of the Reconstruction Department from Rangoon and Rangoon have gone forward. We shall soon be meeting them in the India. Good night!

Tai Hui
 Subash Chandra

To
 Brahmachari Kasturam
 Swami.





Top : Netaji visiting a field hospital Bottom : With Japanese General Kimura



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Dimpore Road and Kohima Hill — scenes of fierce battles in the last war of Indian independence



A portrait autographed in June 1944

印度民衆の偉大な指導者・

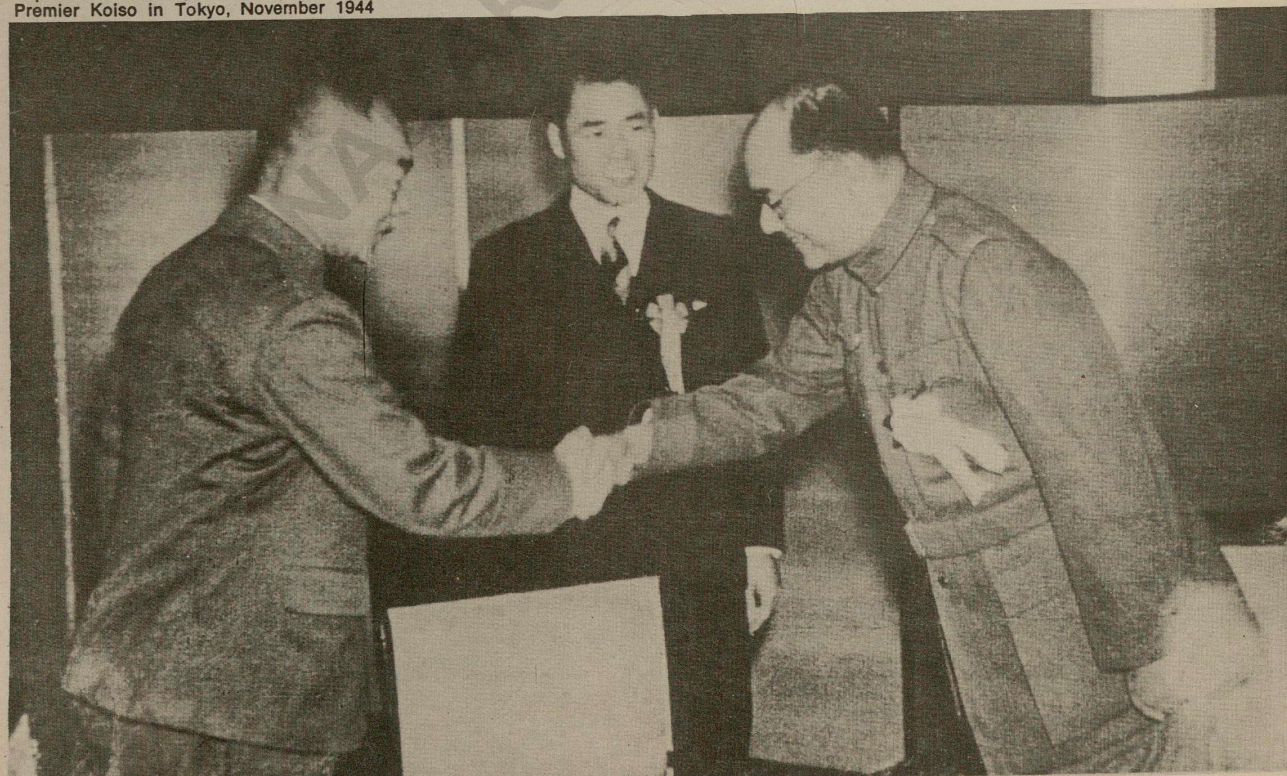
スバス・チャンドラ・ボース氏

Subha Chandra
15.6.44

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Top left : Decorating Col. Misra of the I.N.A. for gallantry Top right : During an address to his army Bottom : Meeting the new Japanese Premier Koiso in Tokyo, November 1944



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Netaji at official receptions in Tokyo in November 1944



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During his visit to Tokyo in November 1944, Netaji held consultations with the new Japanese Premier and the Japanese Government in the light of the adverse turn in the war situation. He also took this opportunity of addressing the Imperial Tokyo University on "The Fundamental Problems of India". In the course of this important address, he said : "Modern India is composed of this ancient background, the unbroken national struggle against Britain, and the impact of influences from abroad.... We want to build up a new and modern nation on the basis of our old culture and civilization. For that we need modern industries, a modern army and all those things necessary to preserve our existence and our freedom under modern conditions. The moment India is free, the most

important problem will be the organising of our national defence in order to safeguard our freedom in the future. After satisfying the needs of our nation in the matter of self-defence, the next problem in the degree of importance will be that of poverty and unemployment.. So our second most important problem will be how to give employment to the millions of unemployed in India and how to relieve the appalling poverty which now exists among the masses of the Indian people.... The third problem in Free India will be the problem of education.... Our problem will be to give at least an elementary education to the Indian masses as soon as possible, and along with that to give more facilities to the intellectual classes in the matter of higher education... If we leave it to private initiative

to solve the problem of poverty and unemployment, for instance, it will probably take centuries. Therefore, public opinion in India is in favour of some sort of a socialist system.... But in solving this problem, we want to work in our own way. We will, naturally, study experiments made in other countries — but after all, we have to solve our problems in an Indian way and under Indian conditions.... If we are to have an economic structure of a socialistic character, then it follows that the political system must be such as to be able to carry out the economic programme in the best possible way.... What we in India would like to have is a progressive system which will fulfil the social needs of the whole people and will be based on national sentiment.... In other words, it will be a synthesis of Nationalism and Socialism."

Netaji exchanging greetings with Japanese leaders

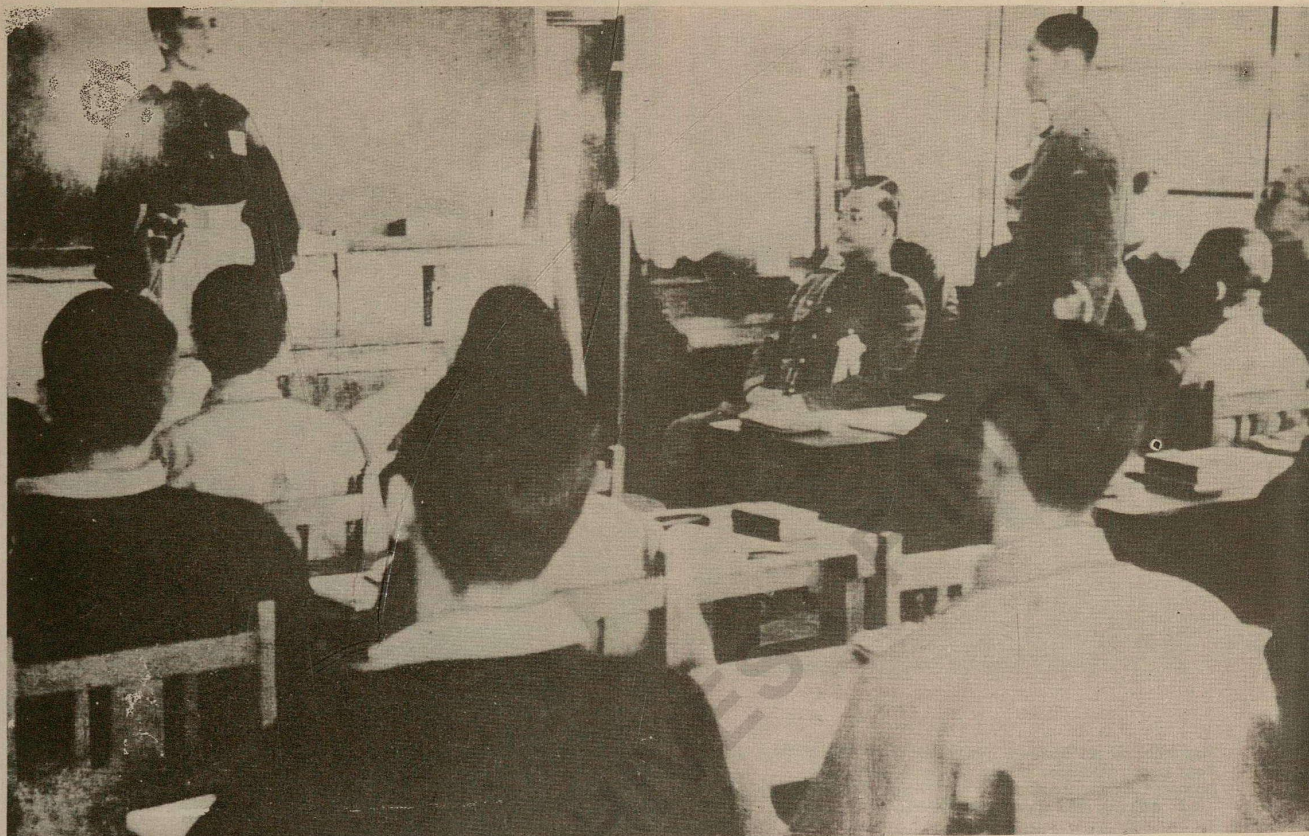




Top left: At an open-air reception with young I.N.A. cadets
 Top right: Addressing the Tokyo University
 Bottom: Group photograph in Tokyo with I.N.A. cadets,
 I.N.A. officers and Japanese friends



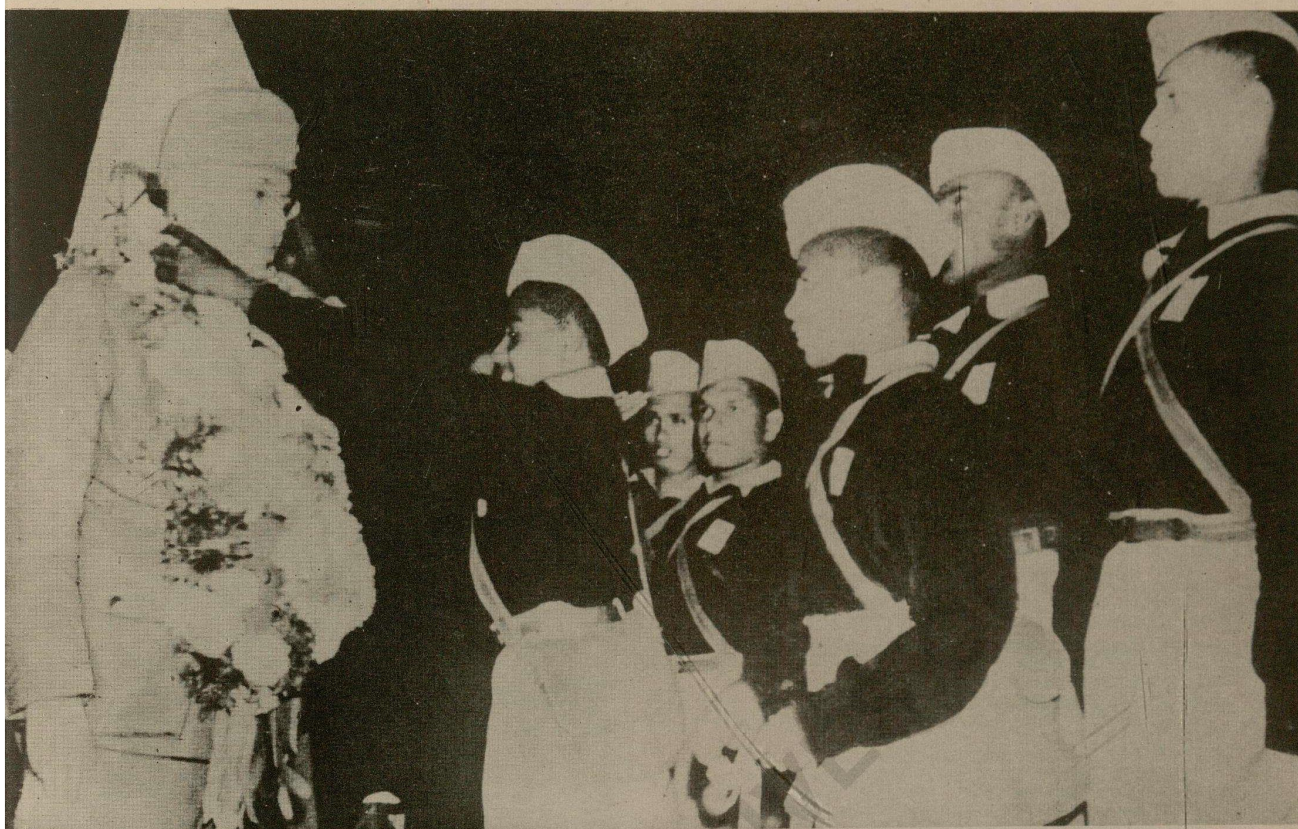
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Top : A young cadet speaks, Netaji listens Bottom : Cadets demonstrating physical feats to Netaji



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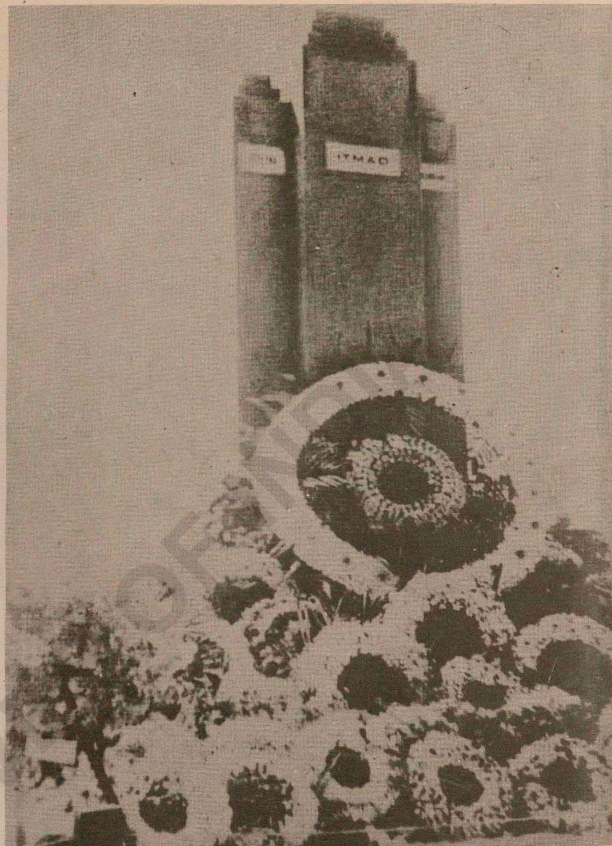
Top : Young I.N.A. cadets garland their leader Bottom : With Ba Maw in Rangoon, 1945



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On 8 July 1945 Netaji laid the foundation of an I.N.A. Memorial on the water-front in Singapore. The memorial was completed in record time. But it was blown up by British Armed Forces after their reoccupation of the island. In paying homage to the martyrs of the I.N.A. Netaji said:

"THE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF INDIANS WHO WILL BE BORN, NOT AS SLAVES BUT AS FREE MEN, BECAUSE OF YOUR COLOSSAL SACRIFICE, WILL BLESS YOUR NAMES AND PROUDLY PROCLAIM TO THE WORLD THAT YOU, THEIR FORBEARS, FOUGHT AND SUFFERED REVERSES IN THE BATTLE OF MANIPUR, ASSAM AND BURMA, BUT THROUGH TEMPORARY FAILURE YOU PAVED THE WAY TO ULTIMATE SUCCESS AND GLORY."



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SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Netaji's last Order of the Day

by

THE SUPREME COMMANDER,

AZAD HIND FAUJ.

TO OFFICERS & MEN OF THE AZAD HIND FAUJ,

COMRADES,

All sorts of wild rumours are now afloat in Syonan and other places, one of them being that hostilities have ceased. Most of these rumours are either false or highly exaggerated. Till this moment, fighting is going on on all fronts, and I say this, not only on the basis of reports from friendly sources, but also of reports given out by the enemy radio. If there is any change in the war situation, I shall be the first to inform you. Therefore, I want all of you to remain perfectly calm and unperturbed and carry on your duties in a normal way. Above all, do not allow yourselves to be influenced in any manner by wild bazar rumours. We have to face any situation that may arise, like the brave soldiers fighting for the freedom of their Motherland.

JAI HIND

Subhas Chandra Bose

SUPREME COMMANDER,

AZAD HIND FAUJ.

Syonan, 14th August, 1945.

1500 hours

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- 1914 - Left home
- 1916 - Expelled from University
- 1917 - Resumed studies again
- 1919 - Graduation from Calcutta University
- 1920 - Passed I.C.S. Examination
- 1921 - Graduation from Cambridge
- 1921 - Joined non-cooperation movement
- * { 1921 -
August -
- 1921 - Arrested
- * { 1921 -
December -
- 1924 - Appointed Chief Executive Officer
Calcutta Municipality
- 1924 - arrested again
- 1924 - 1927 (May) - In prison in Burma
- 1926 - Elected to Bengal Assembly while in prison
- * { 1927 -
December - General Secretary
All India Congress Committee
- 1930 - arrested again
- 1930 - Elected Mayor of Calcutta while in
prison
- 1930 - Went to Europe from prison
- 1933 - In Europe - except for a short
break

Important dates in Netaji's life in his own hand, page 1

- 1936 April - Returned home - arrested in Bombay
- 1936 - 1937 March - interned
- * 1938 - Elected President of Congress
- * 1939 January - Re-elected President
- 1939 May - Resigned Presidency and organised "Forward Bloc"
- 1940 July - arrested again
- 1940 November - Hunger-strike in jail - released after one week
- * January 1941 - Left home
- * { May-June 1943 - Arrived in East Asia
- July 1943 - Began work.

Important dates in Netaji's life in his own hand, page 2

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Last available autographed picture, Bangkok 17, August 1945.

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Last available photograph : Arrival at Saigon on
17 August 1945





Top : Indian leaders proceeding to the I.N.A. trial in Red Fort Bottom : Defence counsels in the court room

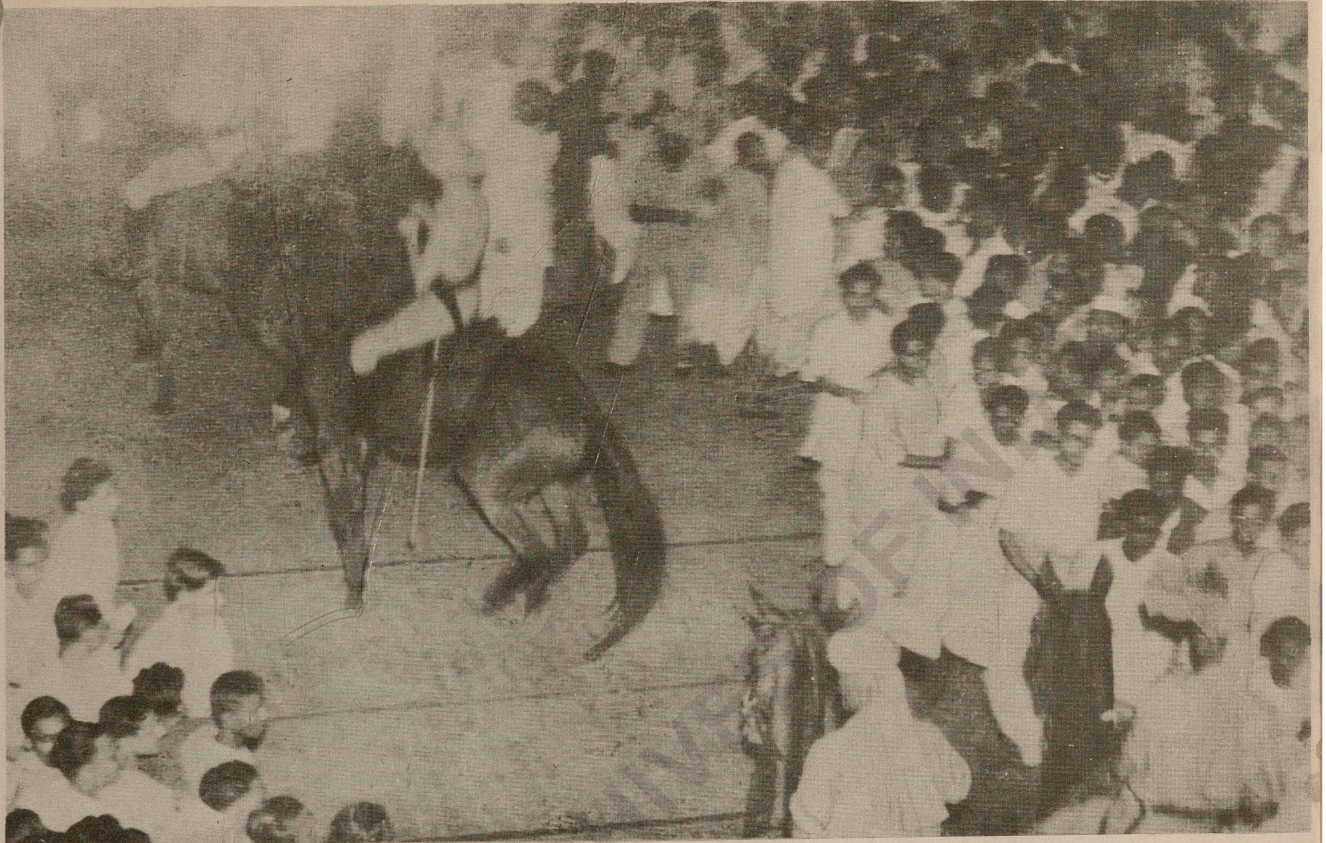




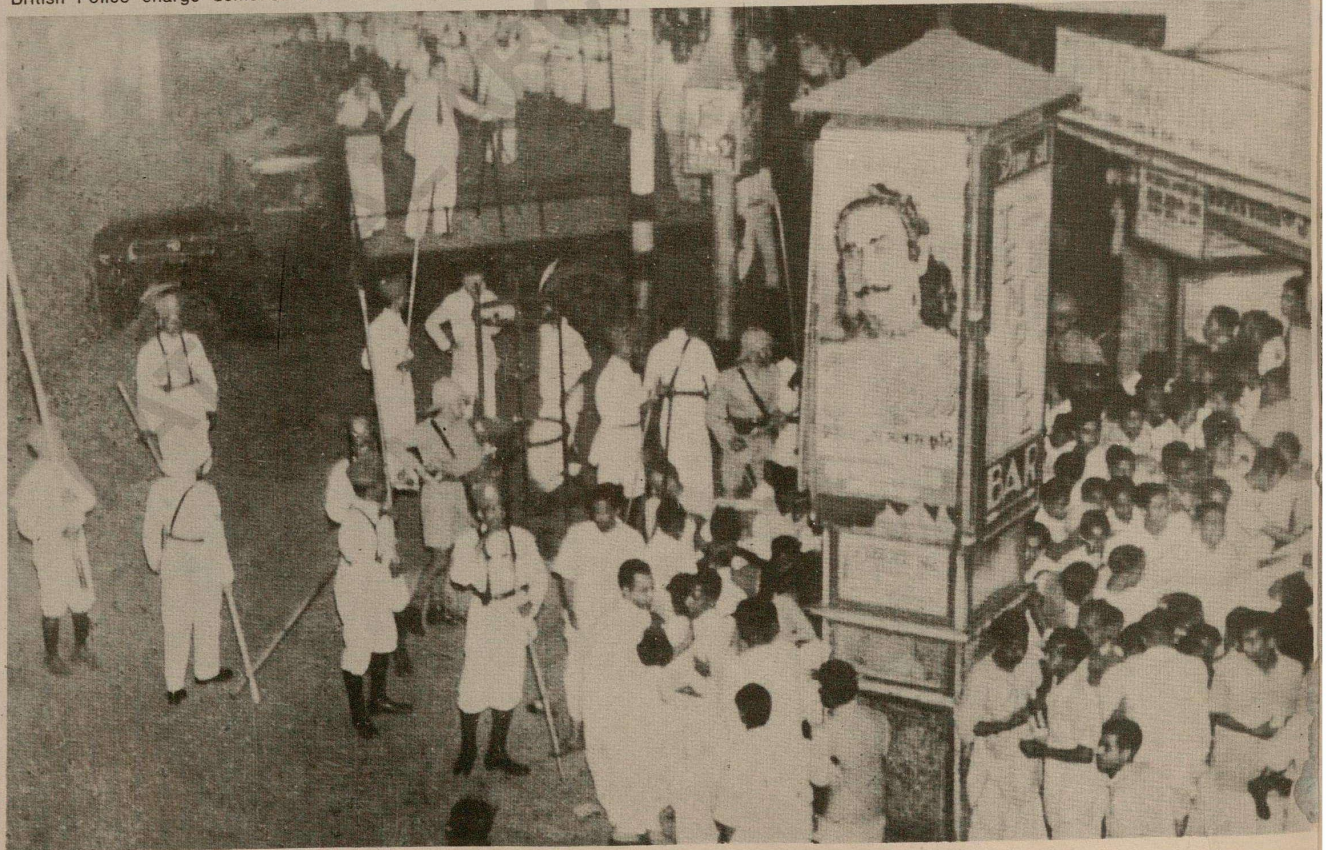
Top : The Court Martial trying the I.N.A. at Red Fort Bottom : The masses rise in support of the I.N.A.



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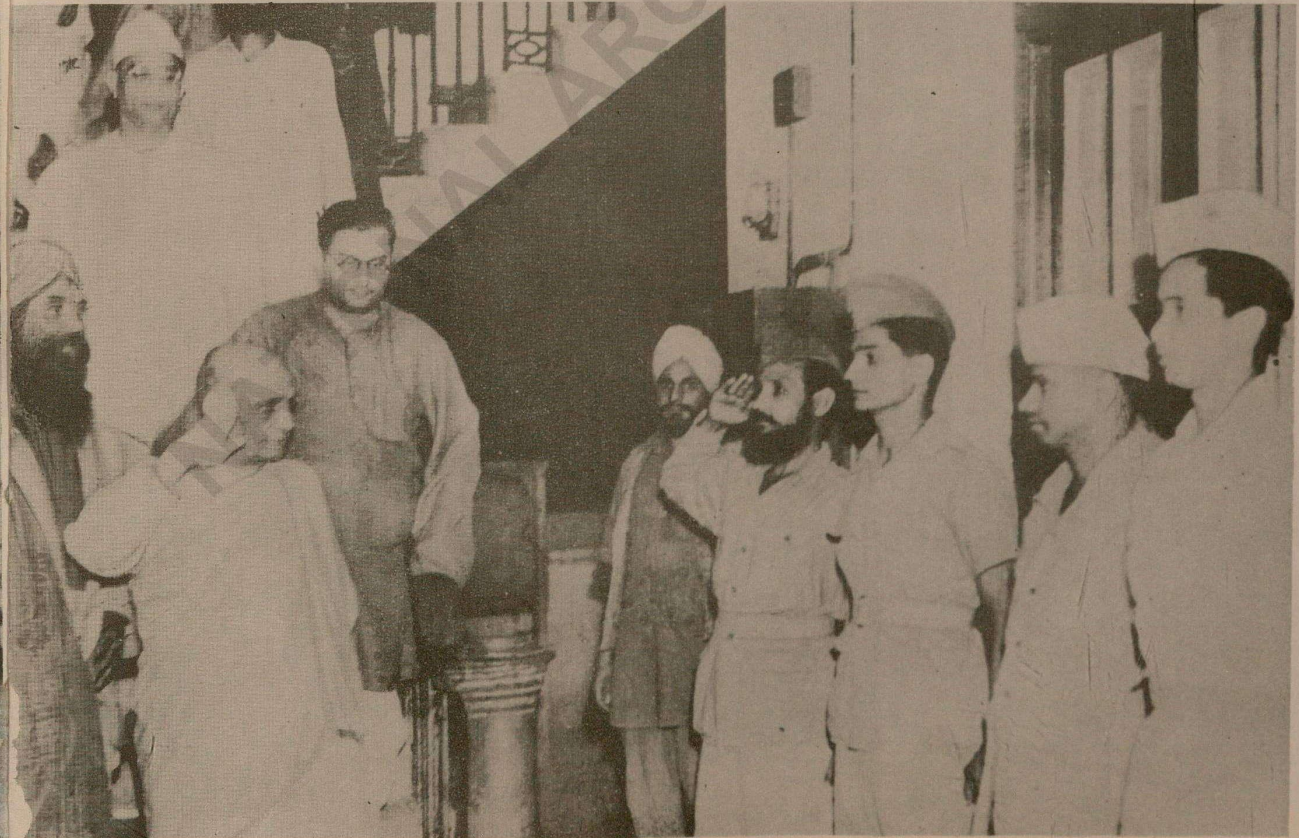


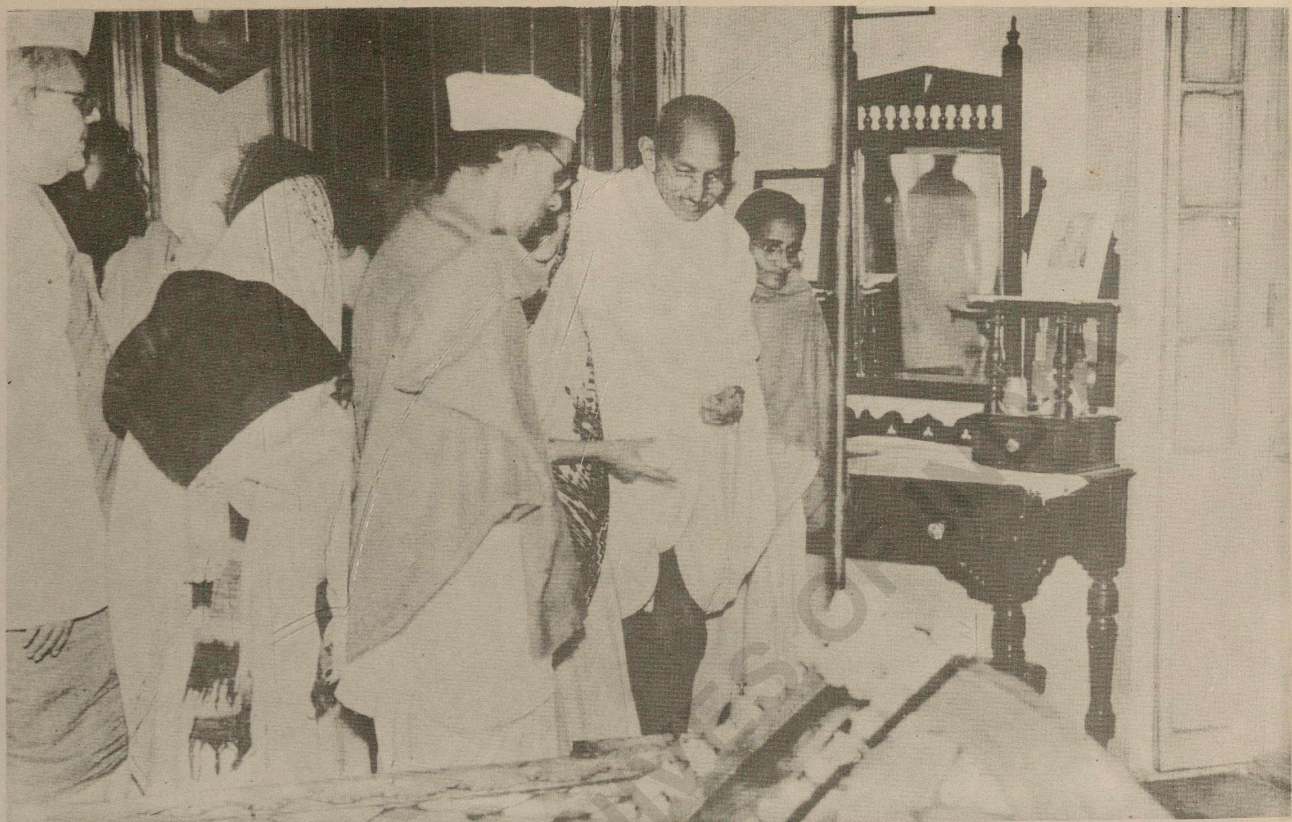
British Police charge demonstrators demanding release of the I.N.A. officers



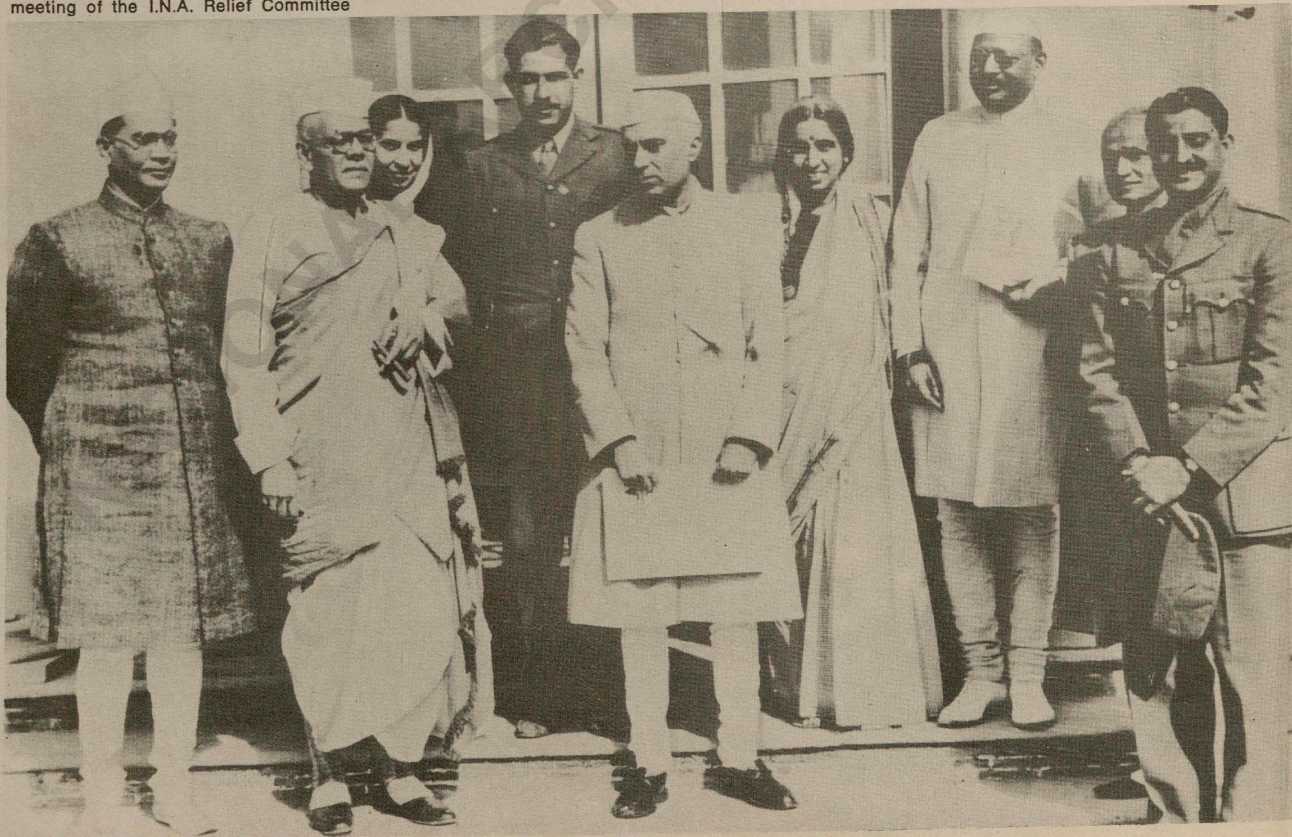


Nehru and Patel visit I.N.A. relief camps



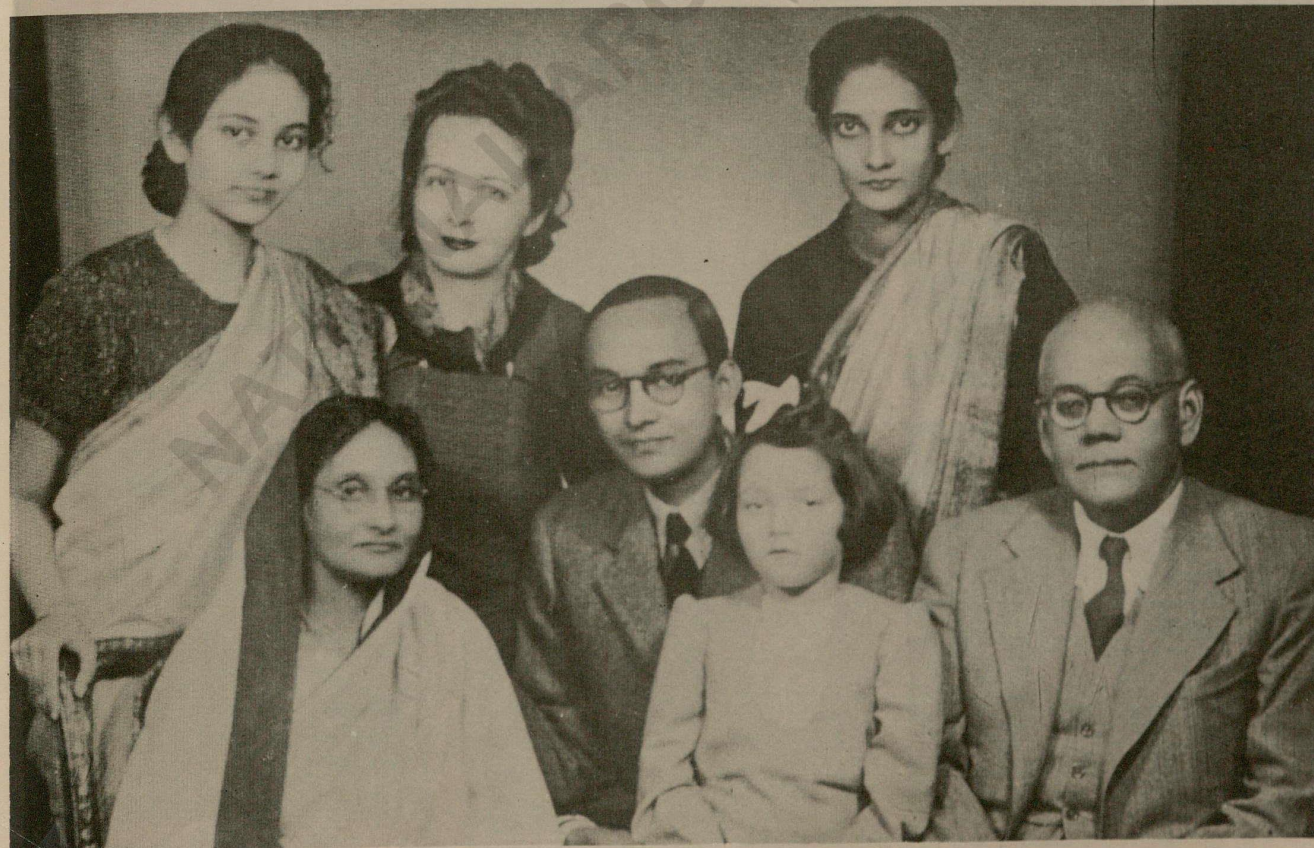


Top : Mahatma Gandhi visits Netaji's bedroom at Netaji Bhawan accompanied by Sarat Bose, 1946 Bottom : Sarat Bose and Nehru after a meeting of the I.N.A. Relief Committee

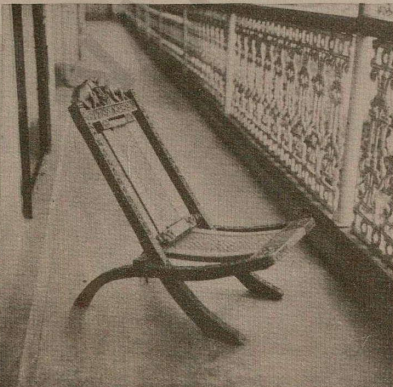
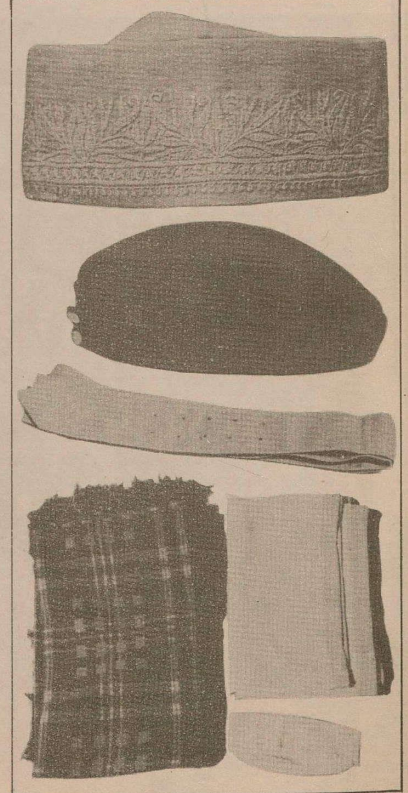
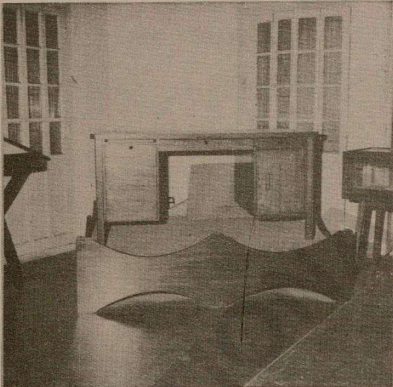
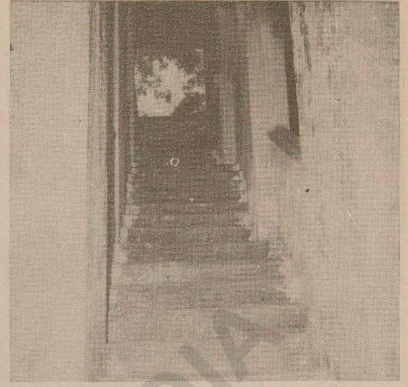
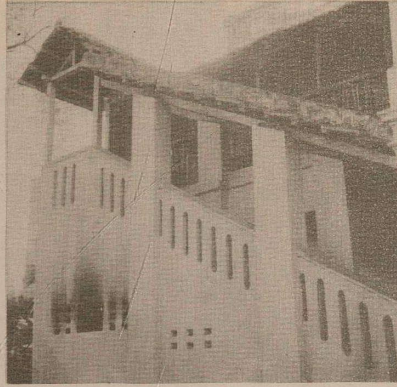
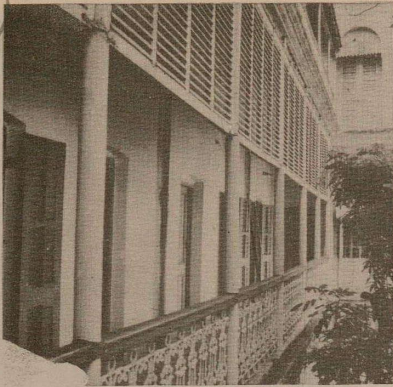




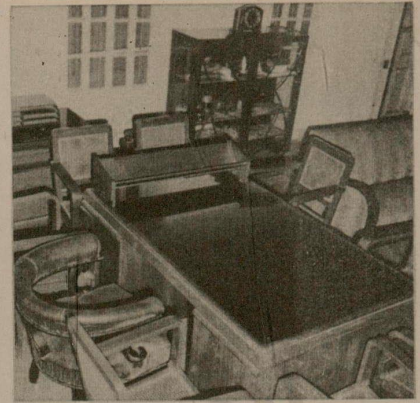
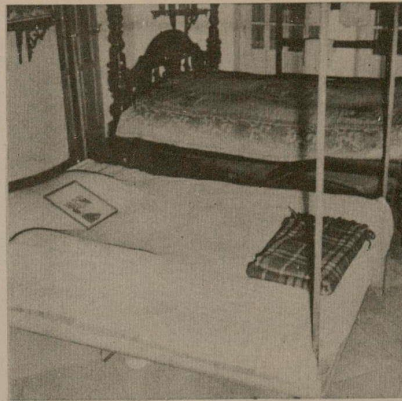
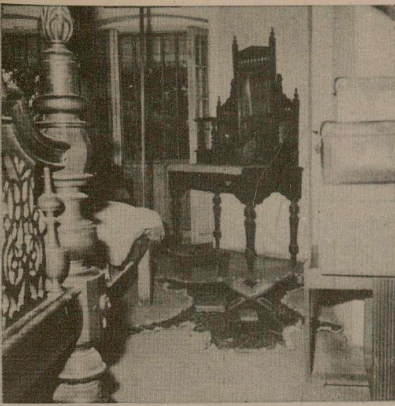
Top : Nehru visits the Netaji Museum in Calcutta, 1961 Bottom : Sarat Chandra and Bivabati with Netaji's wife and daughter in Vienna, 1948



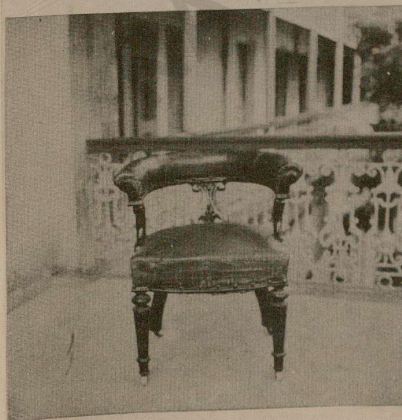
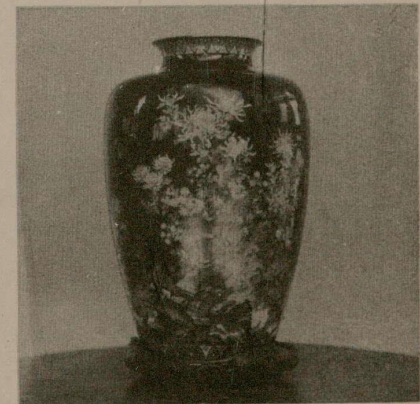
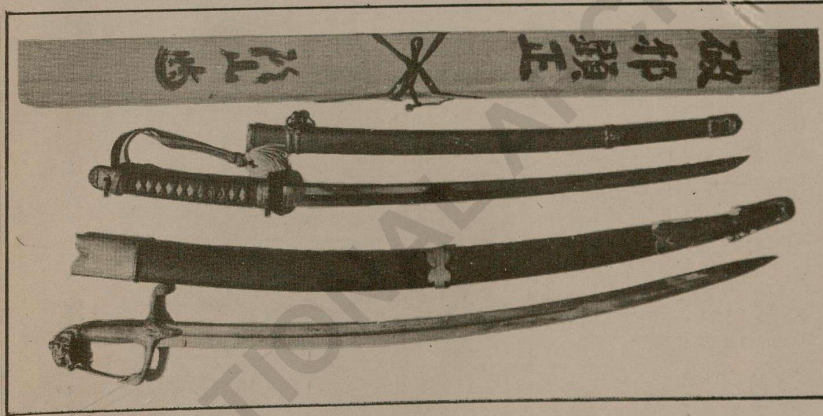
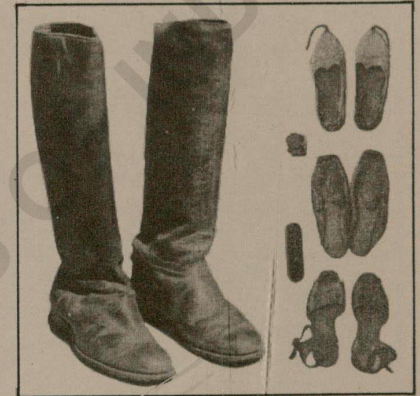
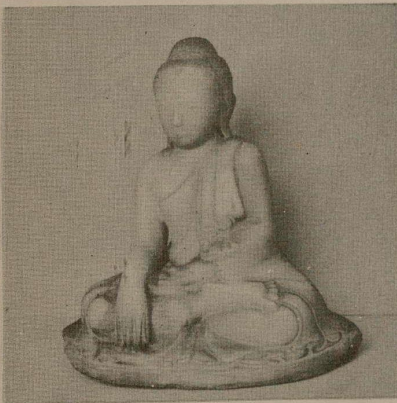
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Views of the historic Netaji Bhawan and some of the invaluable relics preserved there



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Netaji's rooms, the I.N.A. Memorial and some more relics including Netaji's sword

Netaji

A page from Netaji's "My Personal Testament"

The die is cast. I have crossed the Rubicon and my fast has begun this morning. I have already addressed a letter to the Bengali Gorkh which contains my political testament. Herein I want to communicate what may be called my personal testament. ^(when I am no more) I would like this to be conveyed to those who are interested in the deeper problems of life - and particularly to my dear boy who has already had an inkling of my philosophical notions.

I believe I was originally fashioned by Nature to be - first and foremost - a thinker, but circumstances have forced me into a life of fierce political activity with the result that I have not been able to make any contribution to the thought-life of India and of the world. But I have certain definite ideas on philosophic, social, economic and political problems and should like them to be amplified and worked out by the generation that follows me. I have this much ^{to} claim for myself that my ideas do not float in the air. They are intimately related to reality as we know it and have sprung out of a life of ceaseless activity - a life that is not oblivious of the earth.

The next stage of world-evolution demands a new Philosophy, a new Ethical conception and a ^{spiritual} new economic system. What contribution have we to make in this behalf?

New Philosophy. During the last few decades, India has made little contribution to philosophical thought ^{which may be called outmoded}. Europe has contributed Pragmatism, France has produced Henri Bergson and Germany has given Hegel. The quintessence of Modern Philosophy is Hegelianism. Communism is built on one aspect of Hegelianism - i.e. Dialectics but it has rejected Hegel's conception of Reality. Nazism has no philosophy, so far as I am aware. Jantism is based on wrong ethics and its philosophy is vague and mystical. If we want a new India, we must have a new Philosophy.

The two main philosophical problems are - (1) What is the nature of Reality in the absolute and (2) What is the nature of Reality as we know it (i.e. of the world of phenomena) and how does it evolve. A sound view of evolution is essential to the adoption of a correct notion of Ethics, Economics and Politics.

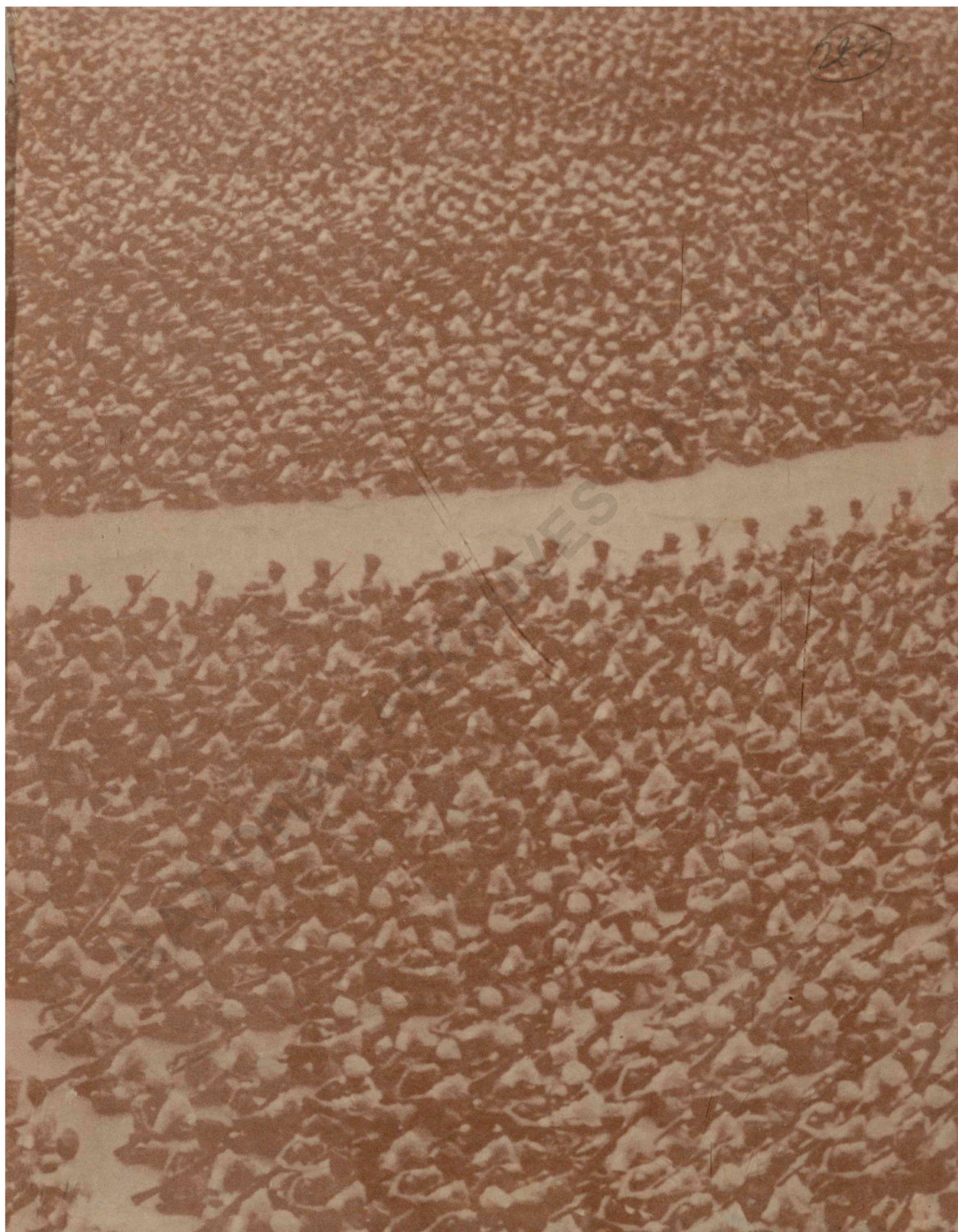
The Vedanta is quite correct when it says that Reality in the absolute is unknown and unknowable.

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Rinkrishna-Vivekananda did not condemn any school of philosophy. They said; "Man proceeds not from error to truth - but from truth to higher truth." In my view they were right in thinking that every system of philosophy contains some element of truth.

The Absolute has been variously described as 'Thought' or 'Idea' (Hegel), 'Will' (von Hartmann), 'Elan Vital' ^{or Vital Impulse} (Bergson), 'Chit' or 'Consciousness' (Vedanta), 'Ananda' or Bliss (Vedanta), 'Mergism' (Tantra), 'Love' (several philosophies - Eastern & Western) etc. These conceptions are all true, though only partly so - but in my view 'Chit', 'Elan' and 'Love' give a truer description of the nature of the Absolute Reality than any other. In spite of our human limitations we cannot help trying to "photograph" the Absolute - partly because of our irrefrangible philosophical instinct and partly because



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A son of Sarat Chandra
and Bivabati Bose, Sisir

Kumar had his early
education at South Suburb-
an School and St. Xavier's
College and his medical
education at Calcutta
Medical College. As a
junior medical student, he
had the greatest experi-
ence of his life when

Netaji called upon him to
assist him in the Great Escape of 1941.
Since his school days and particularly dur-
ing his college career he has been deeply
involved in the national movement. He was
grievously injured in a police attack during
the Quit India struggle. He served as Netaji's
secret contact-man during the war and was
one of the few Bengal revolutionaries to be
imprisoned in the Red Fort and the Lahore
Fort.

After graduation Bose received advanced
training in pediatrics in leading centres in

Europe and United States. He has now risen to the top rung of the profession and since 1972 has been Director of the Institute of Child Health, Calcutta. Outside his profession he has been continuously and actively engaged in public work over the last three decades. He is the architect and Founder-Director of Netaji Research Bureau which has as an attained international recognition institute of history, political science and International affairs, specialising in Subhas and Sarat Chandra Bose. He has already edited more than twenty-five titles of Netaji's works and organised three international history seminars. He is married to Krishna Bose, well-known writer and critic. They have two sons and a daughter.

For Birendra Nath Sinha, the former chief photographer of Ananda Bazar Patrika and Hindusthan Standard, his career in photo-journalism began at the age of 24 during the historic Bihar earthquake of 1934 when as an amateur photographer, he did a highly successful coverage. As a result Ananda Bazar Patrika made him staff photographer and with it began the photography department of the paper.

In his long career Mr Sinha has undertaken many hazardous assignments like accompanying mountaineering expeditions to Nandaghaumti peak (21,000 ft.) in 1960 and Mana peak (23,000 ft.) in 1961. He has been an eyewitness to a crucial period of

our history, through the independence struggle on to the birth and growth of free India. In the process he has got to know at very close quarters such national figures as Rabindranath, Gandhiji, Netaji and Jawaharlal. With a lifetime's observation of India through the lens clearly, he has also imbibed a deep insider's knowledge of Indian affairs.

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Foreword

In the history of India's struggle for freedom, one man stands out in all distinctiveness

and as a class by himself. In physique and mental constitution, in manner and life style, in ideology and in action packed with drama and daring unmatched in contemporary annals, Subhas Chandra Bose is in his total personality a unique phenomenon of twentieth century India. A study of his life and work through pictures

is thus of unusual interest, bringing out in clear outline the shape and form of a life of ceaseless activity and totally dedicated to the cause of India's liberation.

The story of Subhas Chandra Bose needs to be told and understood in the context

of the long march of the Indian people to independence from 1857 to 1947. His birth

In 1897 marked the mid-point of that crusade. With the Renaissance behind him, he

grew up in harmony with the evolution of India's national movement, responding

and reacting to it positively since his early childhood. Even as a schoolboy in a foreign missionary school, he found the milieu foreign to his nature and was thus

already a rebel at heart. In the course of his school and college career, he was in turn a pure humanitarian, a Paribrajaka and social reformer in the manner and

spirit

of Vivekananda, and finally a political activist. When Bose graduated in 1919 and set out for England to qualify for the Indian Civil Service, he already had a formed

personality and his sense of mission was not in doubt. That overpowering sense of mission India's salvation from political, economic, social and spiritual slavery rendered all other pursuits of life and career purely incidental. That mission admitted

of no retreat. Therefore, when in the early twenties Subhas Chandra Bose called his countrymen to his side, there was promise of nothing more than privation, sacrifice, forced marches and death.

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Bose's acceptance of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das as his political Guru was a surrender to a man who was similarly and totally dedicated to the cause of India's

deliverance. But the apprenticeship was short as the mentor passed away before his time.

The exile in Burma from 1924 to 1927 was the first major turning point in Subhas's

public career in that it saw the transformation of a lieutenant to a leader. In the late

twenties, Subhas Chandra Bose and Jawaharlal Nehru, despite fundamental differences

in mental constitution and ideological foundations, emerged as the two ambassadors

of youth and the spokesmen of the rising Left in national politics. Bose's appearance

at the Calcutta Congress in 1928 in resplendent military uniform was not so much a

spectacle as a vision of the future. His sponsoring the Independence Resolution at that historic meeting in opposition to Mahatma Gandhi was the first demonstration

of his being ahead of his times and of his contemporaries. He went a step further

at Lahore in 1929 by his call for a parallel government and mobilisation of peasants

and workers.

The second major turning point in his public career and development came

during

his enforced exile in Europe from 1933 to 1936. It was the transformation of a leader

Into a statesman who parleyed with world leaders on equal terms and who judged his

country's prospects and interests in terms of the interplay of world forces in peace

or at war. What is more, Subhas Chandra Bose, by his work in Europe in the thirties and his battles across the world during World War II, marked out the guidelines

and principles on which foreign relations of Free India should be based.

By the time Bose returned to active public life in 1937 after the sojourn in Europe

and a spell in prison, he had admittedly attained full political maturity and was ready with his political ideology, programme and plan of action. He marched ahead

of the national leadership by his call for National Planning and Socialist Reconstruction

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of India at Haripura in 1938, for an Ultimatum to British Imperialism to quit India at Tripuri in 1939, and for Left Consolidation at Ramgarh in 1940. He sounded the

final battlecry of All Power to the People at Nagpur the same year. History thus records that since 1928 Subhas Chandra Bose represented the only distinctive, independent and alternative current in India's national politics competing with the

major current led by Mahatma Gandhi. The final cleavage that came in 1939 was the

culmination of an inevitable historical process.

The Great Escape from India in 1941 was the natural, logical and ultimate step in the development of Netaji's programme of action to the final armed assault on British Imperialism. He planned the attack first from the North-West in keeping

with traditional historical precedent. But when the inexorable course of events made

this impossible, he re-planned the assault from the non-traditional direction, the

North-East. To lead this assault, he was called upon to undertake a journey under the sea which, in its originality, planning, execution and daring is unequalled in the world's military annals. The Indian National Army rose under his leadership to knock out the basis of British hegemony over the Indian subcontinent by supplanting the loyalty of the British Indian Army to its enslavers by the new loyalty to their country's freedom. Netaji and the INA achieved much more they paved the way to the liberation of South-East Asia by destroying the most vital instrument of colonial subjugation of the region, the British Indian Army. The Provisional Government of Azad Hind gave to the Indian people the first experience of independent statehood after two centuries of servile existence. When the Second World War ended in 1945, the Indian Independence Movement was at its lowest ebb. Defeatism and frustration gripped the nationalist ranks as never before. At that crucial moment of history the shadow of a man descended on the Indian stage like a colossus. Rarely, if ever, has one man commanded history thus and transformed an entire historical situation. Who dares question today that if, by some chance, he had returned to India then, he would have carried everything before him and that the history of this subcontinent would it have taken a completely different direction? NETAJI was no mere appellation was an assignment of history.

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In the current state of uncertainty in national affairs, India needs to rediscover Subhas Chandra Bose. We need to remind ourselves of the messianic faith of this dedicated national revolutionary in India's historic obligation to evolve a new social order based on the synthesis of all known revolutionary experiments across the

world. The

Samyavada that Netaji was seeking meant for him a new alternative.

Even as a

human being and thinker, he was seeking a new ethical conception in human affairs.

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was at once deeply involved in the spiritual heritage of

India and actively concerned with the most modern social and technological advances

anywhere in the world. His sense of mission did not admit of compromises and reservations. He sought to inspire his compatriots with the same dedication to the

cause. In this he succeeded in a large measure and thus remains an example in leadership. Let India rediscover Subhas Chandra Bose and, in his own words, "deliver to the world the message that has been her heritage through the past ages."

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material are not known. This

particularly relates to when Netaji

was touring in India or abroad and

to the period of World War II in

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The archives of Netaji Research Bureau originated with the collections of Netaji's photographs and papers preserved with fondness and care by Sarat Chandra and Bivabati Bose over nearly four decades.

Ananda Bazar Patrika Ltd., have made a most significant contribution to our archives and to this volume, firstly, by providing around one hundred twenty-five photographs and documents, and secondly, by unreservedly placing at our disposal the entire facilities of their photographic department for processing and enlarging hundreds of photographs and documents for the purpose of this publication.

We have pleasure in listing below the names of known friends and institutions who have assisted us with material in the form of photographs, documents, relics, etc., or cooperated with Netaji Research Bureau in other ways to enrich its archives.

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And remember that the highest virtue is to battle against iniquity

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Father Janakinath Bose

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Mother Prabhavati

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SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE was born at Cuttack, Orissa, on the 23rd January 1897. He had his early education at Cuttack and college education in Calcutta. He was all along a brilliant student. After graduation he proceeded to England to qualify for the Indian Civil Service in 1919. He passed the examination creditably but resigned from the

Service to join the struggle for
his country's freedom.
Top Janakinath Bhawan,
Cuttack where Subhas was born
Bottom: An early family
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recording Subhas's birth

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Top right: Relaxing with friends
Bottom : As a cadet of
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Letter to brother Sarat in England

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Civil Service, 22 April 1921

I have the honour to be.

Sir.

Your most obedient servant,

-Jubhas Chandra Bose.

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Group photograph with friends in England 1920 :

K. P. Chattopadhyaya, Subhas, Dilip K. Roy, C. C. Desai

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In 1924 Subhas Chandra was arrested on charges of complicity in revolutionary movement and exiled to Burma. He lived in Burmese prisons till 1927. On his return he emerged on the national scene as the leader of Indian youth. At the Calcutta Congress in 1928, he donned full military uniform as the General Officer Commanding of national volunteers.

Top left: In Mandalay prison 1926

Top middle After release 1927

Bottom left: Deshabandhu

Chittaranjan Das whom Subhas called his political guru and his wife, Basanti Devi

Bottom middle: Chief Executive Officer, Calcutta Corporation 1924

Top right: In Shillong 1927:
Janakinath, Bivabati, Subhas,
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Bottom: Family photograph 1924
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Top With Jawaharlal Nehru and

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Mayor of Calcutta, 1931

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At the Calcutta Congress in 1928

Subhas Chandra pleaded that

complete Independence and not

Dominion Status as proposed by

Mahatma Gandhi should be the

national goal. His plea was rejected

then, but was accepted a year

later at the Lahore Congress.

At the Lahore Congress,

Subhas Chandra went a step further. He gave the plan of a parallel government to be organised by the Congress as an alternative to British rule.

Top On tour 1931

Bottom Family photograph 1931

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The Mayor at his desk

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Top The Mayor on the eve of leading a defiance procession on the 26th January 1931

Bottom: Procession heading towards the Ochterlony Monument (Subhas Bose marked 1)

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"Vision Of 'Bharatmata' As
She Is Destined To Be"

SJ. BOSE'S FEELING APPEAL TO BENGALLEES

"Forget Your Petty Quarrels, Sink Differences &
Strive To Make Bengal United & Great
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From s.s. "Gange", Sj. Subhas Chandra Bose 'has sent to us, for publication, the following statement under date March 2:-

"For over a year I have been exiled from my own province.. During this period owing to unhealthy conditions of confinement my health completely broke down. As my condition worsened, I was shifted from one province to another-but I was deliberately kept away from the hospitals and the physicians who were so anxious to take charge of my treatment. Even the prisons of Bengal, so hospitable to thousands of my countrymen-shut their doors on me.

"To my physical suffering, was added mental torture. During my incarceration inside Bengal, I watched with a sense of increasing pain and helplessness the repression that was prevailing in the province. All that I could do in the circumstances was to silently pray in the convulsion of my cell that the Divine Mother may grant strength to our people and that a new Bengal may be born.

"Torn away from the realities of life, through those long and dark hours I sought refuge in contemplation. The vision of India conjured up and worshipped by our great seers from Bankim and Vivekananda to Dwijendralal and Deshbandhu-rose before my mind's eye to give me solace, strength and inspiration. I felt as I had never felt before that the vision of "Bharatmata" as she was destined to be-was the supreme Reality which transcended the shortcomings and imperfections of the present hour. That vision was a treasure of which no earthly power could deprive me-it was a shrine at which I worshipped from day to day,

"One of the dreams that have inspired me and given a purpose to my life in that of a great and undivided Bengal devoted to the service of India and of humanity-a Bengal that is above all sects and groups and is the home alike of the Moslem, the Hindu, the Christian and the Buddhist. It is this Bengal-the Bengal of my dreams-the Bengal of the future still in embryo-that I worship and strive to serve "in my daily life.

"To interpret this dream and endeavour to translate it into reality -is one of the passions of my life. It is a task to which we must give

our very best if success is to be out. No sacrifice is too dear-^{pd} suffering too great-if we are to fulfil this mission. Friends, will you not rise to that noble height where the vision of a great and undivided-Bengal will be the only reality before? Remember the legacy bequeathed by our great men. Forget not that you are the heirs of their dreams-the hopes of the country's future. If you are great yourselves in thought and deed-then alone, will you be able to make your country great. Therefore I say with all the sincerity that I can command; "Forget your petty quarrels, sink your personal differences-strive to make Bengal united and great-so that in her greatness may be our highest happiness and glory. After all, who dies if Bengal lives; who lives if Bengal dies

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SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE,

While in prison in 1932 during the civil disobedience movement, Subhas Chandra was taken seriously ill. Medical treatment provided by British authorities was of no avail.

Eventually, he was permitted to proceed to Europe for cure on condition that he would be a free man only after he had left the shores of India

Parting message to countrymen

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On arrival in Vienna

Inset At the Nursing Home in

Vienna hospital 1932

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A portrait taken in Prague, 1933

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Top: With the Mayor of Vienna Bottom: With Vithalbhai Patel

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As an exile in Europe from 1933 to 1936, regardless of his indifferent health, Subhas Chandra Bose took upon himself the role of the unofficial ambassador of India and the spokesman of India's freedom fighters. He toured extensively campaigning for his country's freedom, countering anti-Indian propaganda of British imperialists, seeking friends and allies for the national cause. He also studied at first-hand the various socio-economic and scientific experiments then in progress in Europe and tried to promote commercial and cultural ties with European countries. He parleyed with the political leaders of Europe as the representative of Free India and on equal terms to further the

national interest of the people of
India both before and after the
attainment of independence.
Study tour of industrial
establishments in Europe.

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Addressing a meeting in Berlin 1933

Inaugural function of Indian Students' Association, Milan, Italy, 1934 Bottom:

Addressing a meeting in Milan

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With Indian students in Berlin 1934

With the Mayor of Sofia, Bulgaria

With the Mayor of Rome

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Subhas Chandra rushed back to
India at the end of 1934 to see
his dying father but he arrived
just too late. He was placed
under house-arrest in his Calcutta
home. After completing Sradh
ceremonies of his late father,
he returned to Europe in
January 1935.

Top A tourist in Europe

Bottom In Egypt on the way to
Europe

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In mourning for father, Calcutta,
January, 1935

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Top Performing father's 'Sradh'
memorial services

Bottom With brothers at the
memorial assembly

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A portrait, January, 1935

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During his exile in Europe in
the thirties Subhas Chandra Bose
wrote his major work "The
Indian Struggle 1920-34", an
objective and analytical account
of India's struggle for
independence of the period.

The book was published from
England in January 1935 but its
entry into India was banned by
the British Government as soon
as it was released. It made a
powerful impact on academic
and intellectual circles in Europe
not excluding England.

In his book Bose summed up the

task before the country thus :
"the future of India ultimately
lies with a party with a clear
ideology, programme and plan
of action a party that will not

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only fight for and win freedom,
but will put into effect the entire
programme of post-war
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break the isolation that has
been India's curse and bring
her into the comity of nations
firm in the belief that the fate of
'India is indissolubly linked up
with the fate of humanity."

Top In Egypt on the way back
to Europe

Bottom In Athens, Greece

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In Europe Bose found a kindred
spirit in Vithalbhai Patel, a
veteran nationalist leader, who
unfortunately died towards the
end of 1933, leaving

Subhas Chandra to continue his
work for his country alone.

Top At the Vithalbhai Patel

Memorial in Geneva

Bottom The memorial group

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A portrait taken in Munich, 1935

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Top With his surgeon Demel of Vienna after his surgical operation, April 1935

Bottom Bose at the golden jubilee celebration of the Indian National Congress, Vienna, 1936

Bose slowly recovered his normal health after his operation for a diseased gall-bladder and resumed his work for his country.

Between 1933 and 1936 he toured practically the whole of Europe outside Russia which concluded with a visit to Ireland and a meeting with De Valera. He helped in founding organisations in various countries of Europe for developing contact with India.

In April 1936 he returned to India rejecting a warning by the British Government that he would be arrested if he did. He was taken into custody the moment he set foot on Indian soil in Bombay.

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How He Was Arrested

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Lord Willingdon Addresses

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In detention in his brother

Sarat's house at Gidhapahar.

Kurseong, June 1936.

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At his Elgin Road house after release from detention, April 1937 With his young
nephews and nieces

Bottom: With nephews Amiya and Sisir at Gidhapahar, Kurseong, June 1936
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Top Bengal's Bose Brothers Subhas and Sarat Chandra, 1937 Bottom: Calcutta's public reception to Subhas after his release from detention

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To recoup his health, Subhas Chandra spent some time at Dalhousie in the autumn of 1937.

He is seen in the picture with his hosts, Dr. and Mrs. Dharmvir on his arrival there.

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Top: With fellow members of the Congress Party Bottom: With journalist friends, Calcutta, October 1937

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The All India Congress Committee met in Calcutta in October 1937.

Bose Brothers took charge of its organisation. The Working Committee met at the residence of Sarat Chandra at 1, Woodburn Park while the A.I.C.C. held its sessions at Wellington Square.

A new phase in the national struggle had commenced three months earlier with the acceptance of ministerial office by the Congress party in seven out of eleven

provinces of British India under the New Constitution of 1935. On the other hand, left forces in the Congress had by then gained considerable strength and were making their presence felt. The Calcutta meetings, therefore, with Nehru as President and Subhas Bose an active participant assumed special significance.

Top Subhas Chandra receiving Mahatma Gandhi at a suburban station near Calcutta

Bottom Subhas receiving Jawaharlal

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Meetings of the Indian National Congress, wherever held, always enjoyed great popular appeal and were taken by the public in India to be events of national Importance. The reasons were two-fold. First, during the struggle for independence the National Congress was the united platform of the Indian people on which all and varying ideological currents in India's political life were represented. Secondly, the Congress leadership consisted of a galaxy of outstanding and colourful personalities from all parts of the country with tremendous mass appeal.

Subhas Chandra Bose was released from internment in March 1937, a year after his return from his long European exile. The sojourn in Europe had brought about the second major transformation in his personality. When he left India in 1933 he was still struggling for a foothold on the Indian political scene. When he returned in 1937 he was not only a leader in his own right but a statesman who stood head and shoulders above most of his contemporaries. In the words of Rabindra Nath Tagore: "Today you are revealed in the pure light of midday sun which does not admit of apprehensions. You

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have come to absorb varied experience during these years. Today you bring your matured mind and irrepressible vitality to bear upon the work at hand...." Therefore, even his ideological opponents would not deny him at that critical moment his rightful place in national affairs. While Subhas Chandra was still away in Europe or in internment, his brother Sarat Chandra returned to active politics late in 1935 after a long spell in prison. Sarat Chandra soon became the undisputed leader of the Congress party in Bengal and a member

of the Congress High Command.

In the elections held in 1936-37 to the Bengal legislature he led his party to victory. Thus, when the party held its meetings in Calcutta in October 1937, the Bose Brothers were the natural hosts to the congregation.

The Working Committee of the Congress which met at 1, Woodburn Park, pictured below, showed a fascinating array of national talent. Beginning on the left with Jairamdas Daulatram are seen Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan or "Frontier Gandhi", Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Sankar Rao Deo, Bhulabhai Desai, Sarojini Naidu, Subhas Chandra Bose, Jawaharlal Nehru, J. B. Kripalani, Vallabhbhai Patel, Achyut Patwardhan, Narendra Deva and Govind Ballav Pant. The bust looking on is that of Janakinath Bose, father of the Bose Brothers. As the Working Committee deliberated in one room of the house, the supreme mentor of the party, Mahatma Gandhi lived his own life in another but kept himself available for consultations.

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Top Leaders disperse after a session Bottom Leaders proceed to the A.I.C.C.

meeting from 1, Woodburn Park

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Top Bose, Nehru and Vijay Lakshmi Pandit arrive at Wellington Square for A.I.C.C. meeting

Bottom Flag-hoisting ceremony in front of the A.I.C.C. pandal

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Top : With Abdul Gaffar Khan, Calcutta, 1937 Bottom : Greeted by admirers at the A.I.C.C. campus

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Top In intimate conversation with Gandhiji inside a railway compartment, November 1937 Bottom: With Jawaharlal Nehru, 1937

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Portrait taken in November 1937
prior to his departure for Europe

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Top Send-off by the family at Dum Dum airport Bottom: Waving goodbye

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During his short European trip from
November 1937 to January 1938

Bose paid another visit to his
favourite health resort Badgastein

In Austria. At this time he wrote
his unfinished autobiography
'An Indian Pilgrim'

Top left: With Mrs. Hedy
Fulop-Miller

Top right Enjoying the snows
of Badgastein

Bottom With A. C. N. Nambiar,
Mrs. Fulop-Miller, Emilie Schenkl
and A. N. Bose

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Top Arrival in London, January 1938 Bottom: At a reception In London

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Top Arrival at Dum Dum airport from Europe, January 1938 Bottom Reception at
the airport

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Bose returned to Calcutta in January 1938 as the President-elect of the Congress and thus

began the peak period of his political career in India. In this picture he is seen with visitors from Japan

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Top: Arriving at a political conference at Vishnupur, January 1938 Bottom: With M. N. Roy and Ellen Roy at Vishnupur

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Top M. N. Roy addressing the Vishnupur conference with Bose by his side

Bottom Subhas Chandra addressing the conference

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Top Flag-hoisting ceremony at Vishnupur Bottom: An interesting group photograph of political leaders and workers of Bengal with Sarojini Naidu

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The Congress President At the age of forty-one, Subhas Chandra Bose became the RASHTRAPATI, literally meaning Head of State, and

laid his political ideology, programme and plan of action before his people. An alternative leadership thus appeared on the Indian political horizon

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Top: Addressing a meeting in Calcutta's Town Hall demanding release of political prisoners, February 1938 Bottom: Leaving for the

Haripura Congress from Howrah Station

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In a mammoth address at the .

Haripura Congress, Subhas

Chandra surveyed the entire

national and international scene,

clearly indicated the lines of

development of the national

struggle against imperialism and

drew the outlines of post-war

national reconstruction on a

socialist basis.

Top left: President inaugurating
the exhibition

Bottom left: Outgoing President
installing the new President

Top right At the open session
with Gandhiji and other leaders

Bottom right: Delivering the
presidential address

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Top Replying to a civic reception by the Bombay Municipal Corporation Bottom:
At a party hosted by the Mayor of Bombay

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Top Speaking at a workers' meeting in Bombay Bottom: The gathering listening
in torrential rain

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Calcutta's reception on return from Haripura, March 1938 Top: The procession
Bottom: The meeting

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The youngest and the warmest in
Indian politics

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Two main currents dominated the
course of India's national

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struggle during its final
phase one represented by
Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and
the other by Subhas Chandra Bose.
In historical terms Gandhi was
the father of Indian Awakening
and Bose the father of Indian
Revolution.

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Top: Sarat Bose, N. B. Khare and Subhas Bose at 38/2, Elgin Road during a Congress Working Committee meeting, April 1938 Bottom: Leaders having a recess

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Congress Working Committee at 38/2, Elgin Road, April 1938

Left to right: Harekrushna Mahtab, Sarat Chandra Bose, Jalramdas Daulatram, Pattabhi Sitaramyya, Subhas Chandra Bose, Jawaharlal Nehru, Vallabhbhai Patel, Abul Kalam Azad and J. B. Kripalani

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Bose Brothers seeing Gandhiji off at Howrah Station Top: On the platform Bottom: Inside the compartment

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Top Reception at the Sikh Gurdwara in South Calcutta Bottom: On the way to Midnapore, April 1938

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Top Presidential procession entering Midnapore Bottom: With veteran Congress leaders of Tamluk

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Top: In discussion with an old lady at Contai Bottom: Replying to a reception given by Debendralal Khan of Narajole

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In conference, with Sarojini Naidu, Patel and Nehru at Wardha, 1938

By Mahatma Gandhi's bedside at Sevagram

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Top With Nehru at Sodepur Bottom Proceeding to the All-India Congress
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Top: In close conference with Nehru at the fateful meeting Bottom: Announcing
his resignation

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A page from Bose's draft resignation statement for the All-

India Congress Committee. Right: Nehru pleads his case.

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Escorting other leaders out of the meeting place amidst excited crowds

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Arrives in Tarakeswar to launch his political campaign in opposition to Gandhian

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Top: Addressing the Tarakeswar conference, May 1939 Bottom: Speaking at a

meeting at the Calcutta University Institute demanding political

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Top Tagore lays the foundation stone of Mahajati Sadan Bottom Arriving at
Ahmedabad on tour

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Subhas Bose speaks

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Soon after forming the
Forward Bloc, Bose launched
his propaganda offensive
throughout the country from
May 1939 onwards. In July
of the same year, he
organised protest
demonstrations against
attempts of the Congress
Right Wing to curb democratic
expression of opinion and
activity of party members.
As a result, disciplinary

action was taken by the
Congress High Command
virtually expelling him from
the party.

Top Police agents taking
notes of Bose's speech at a
public meeting

Bottom Bose leaves Calcutta
for Delhi for a meeting with
the Viceroy soon after
outbreak of the war

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Top: Leaders of the Forward Bloc and Left Consolidation Committee assembled
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Bottom Bose speaking at the Forward Bloc meeting
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Top In discussion with Edward Thompson at 1 Woodburn Park Bottom Visiting
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Top Arrival at Ramgarh for the Anti-Compromise Conference, March 1940

Bottom: The presidential procession at Ramgarh

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Top At Kisannagar, Ramgarh, with Lala Sankerlal, Swami Sahajanand and others

Bottom Inspecting the Guard of Honour at Ramgarh

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Top Hoisting the National Tricolour at Ramgarh Bottom: Addressing the open session of the Anti-Compromise Conference

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As Congress President In 1938 the programme of action that Subhas Chandra Bose placed before his countrymen was based on his firm belief that India was ripe for revolution and complete independence. He, therefore, pleaded for an uncompromising relentless national struggle against the British on the broadest anti-imperialist basis. His world view of India's struggle was reflected in the concluding words of his Haripura Address :
"Ours is a struggle not only against British Imperialism but against world imperialism as well of which the former is the keystone. We are, therefore, fighting not for the cause of India alone but of humanity as well.

India freed means humanity saved."

Bose's efforts to stiffen the opposition of the Congress to any compromise with Britain caused serious dissatisfaction in the Right Wing of the party who were then looking forward to an understanding with the British. Moreover, Bose's view that the Indian National Congress should be organised on the broadest anti-imperialist front including peasant, labour, student and youth organisations with the two-fold objective of winning political freedom and establishing a socialist regime was contrary to that of Gandhi and the Right Wing who clearly desired a monopoly of national leadership to the exclusion of leftist and socialist forces.

Long before 1939, Bose was convinced that an international crisis in the form of a world war would break out soon and that India should make the fullest use of that crisis to win her freedom. Since September 1938 he had been openly propagating this view and trying to induce the Congress

to shape its policy accordingly. In this he was opposed by the Right Wing who had no comprehension of coming international developments and who were eagerly looking forward to a compromise with Britain. Towards the end of 1938 Bose took another far-reaching step by setting up the National Planning Committee for drawing up a comprehensive plan of industrialisation and national development. This move caused his further alienation from Gandhi and the orthodox Congress leadership. Thus, already towards the end of his first term as President, the breach between Subhas Bose and the Gandhi Wing was wide. Therefore, when Bose made his bid for a second term as President early in 1939 he was vigorously opposed by the Right Wing.

Nevertheless, he came out
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victorious against Gandhi's candidate in the presidential election to the consternation of Gandhians and the British alike.

Bose attended Tripuri Congress in March 1939 despite serious illness. In

his Tripuri Address he made the clear proposal that the Indian National Congress should send an ultimatum to the British Government demanding independence within six months and should simultaneously prepare for the final battle for power. His proposal was opposed by the Gandhi Wing and Nehru. Many of his erstwhile supporters in the election contest, particularly the Congress Socialists, also vacillated. The Right Wing succeeded in imposing such conditions on the President that he would not be in a position to appoint the National Executive of his choice, and that even if he did, the rightists would make it impossible for him to function.

Protracted negotiations took place between Gandhi and Bose following the Tripuri Congress, first through correspondence and finally on a person-to-person basis at Sodepur near Calcutta. They revealed on the one hand that the Gandhi Wing would not accept Bose's leadership and that, on the other, he would not agree to be a puppet President. Bose, therefore, resigned at the

next meeting of the All-India Congress Committee in Calcutta at the end of April 1939.

After his defeat at Tripuri and the failure of his talks with Gandhi, Bose felt that .

In 1939 India's primary political need was a well-organised and disciplined Left Wing party. He,

therefore, formed the Forward Bloc with a view to rallying the entire Left Wing under one banner.

The immediate objective of the Bloc was an uncompromising struggle against British Imperialism not hampered by philosophical notions like Gandhian non-violence or any sentimentalist and ambivalent foreign policy advocated by Nehru. The ultimate objective of the Bloc was a new post-war socio-economic order in India on a socialist basis.

When the second world war broke out in September 1939, Bose saw that the international crisis that he had forecast had arrived and felt that this was India's golden opportunity. He called upon his people to prepare for the final major assault on British Imperialism.

On the other hand, the Congress Party under the leadership of Gandhi and Nehru wobbled and took to the path of collaboration and conciliation with the ruling power. At the Anti-Compromise Conference at Ramgarh in March 1940, Subhas Chandra Bose declared:

"In India we are now ringing down the curtain on an age that is passing away .The age of Imperialism Is drawing to a close and the era of freedom, democracy and socialism looms ahead of us. India stands today at one of the crossroads of history....".

At that crossroad of history Bose felt deeply and without doubt that destiny was knocking at his door and that India was calling its liberator to the rescue. He, therefore, started considering actively how he and his enslaved countrymen could participate in the cataclysmic changes taking place throughout the world and in that process win freedom for their country. But then, the British Imperialists were not slow in acting. They threw him into prison in July 1940 and

meant to keep him there
for the duration of the war.

In November 1940, Bose
sent an ultimatum to the
Government to say that if
he was not released
forthwith he would fast unto
death. After he had fasted
for a week the British
Government developed cold
feet and set him free.

The first step in the
historic journey that he had
planned for himself was
thus accomplished. He was
at home for about forty
days when he meticulously
planned his escape out of
India. In the early hours
of the 17th January 1941 he
left home secretly in a car
driven by his nephew Sisir.
After an adventurous journey
across the country, he
crossed the North-West
Frontier and reached Kabul,
accompanied from Peshawar
by Bhagat Ram Talwar
a young Pathan,
Bose stayed in Kabul for
forty-five days in constant
danger. Protracted and often
frustrating negotiations with
the German and Italian
government representatives
and the eventual agreement
of the Soviet Government
finally made it possible for
him to leave Afghanistan

for Germany through Russia
on an Italian diplomatic
passport with the name of
Orlando Mazzotta in the
third week of March 1941.

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Top At the grave of C. F. Andrews, April 1940 Bottom: Campaigning at Uluberia
near Calcutta

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Top At a reception at Bagnan in Howrah district Bottom: Arriving at Narayanganj
for the Bengal Political Conference in Dacca, May 1940

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Top left: Arriving in procession for the conference Top right: Delivering the
inaugural address

Dacca Bottom right: Addressing the conference

Bottom left: With fellow delegates at

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Top left: On the dais with other
leading participants

Top right: A tea party at
Madaripur

Bottom: Addressing a mass meet-
ing at Faridpur

The last major political conference
in which Subhas Bose participated
In Bengal was at Dacca in May

1940, where he renewed his call to his countrymen to prepare for the final assault on the British Power. On his return to Calcutta he announced his decision to lead a movement for the removal of the Holwell Monument near the Secretariat which symbolised "our slavery and humiliation".

He was arrested before the proposed Satyagraha commenced on the 3rd July 1940. But his followers went ahead with the movement and the Government was eventually compelled to remove the hated monument.

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The Holwell Monument being guarded by the police

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Top: Satyagraha in front of the monument Bottom: Women volunteers join in the movement

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Top Dismantling of the monument in progress

Bottom: The Holwell Monument is no more

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Lying in his bedroom after his release from prison
a week's hunger-
on the 5th December 1940 following
strike. With him his mother, eldest brother and Calcutta's
Mayor, Siddique

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Left Ancestral house of the Bose
family at 3812 Elgin Road,
Calcutta, from where the Great
Escape took place

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First news of Bose's disappearance
in Calcutta newspapers

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Great anxiety prevails amongst, anybody not even the members
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Subhas Bose since yesterday ing his time in religious prac-
afternoon when it was noticed tices. Anxiety is all the more
that he was not in his room acute on account of his present
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of December last. It is generally various places about him but up
known that from the last few to the time of going to the
days he was observing strict Press we understand he has not
silence and had not been seeing returned home.

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The Wanderer' car at the rear staircase of the house
a photographic reconstruction of the situation just prior
to the escape.

Inset: The route of exit from Calcutta

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Top: A general view of Kabul where Subhas Bose spent one and half months before leaving for Germany Bottom: A look at the room in Uttam Chand's house in Kabul where Bose lived part of his sojourn in Afghanistan

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Map of Afghanistan and tribal territories between that country and India showing in dotted line the route taken by Subhas Chandra Bose for his journey from Peshawar to Kabul and then from Kabul to the Soviet frontier at Termez

Bottom: A page from a political thesis written by Bose while in Kabul and brought back to India by his escort Bhagat Ram and delivered to Sarat Chandra Bose

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Berlin, den 4.Mars 1941.

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Ich habe dem Italienischen

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geteilt, dass die Sowjetregierung bereit sei, den Inder

Bose den Durchreisepass vermerkt zur Reise von Afghanistan

nach Deutschland zu geben, und hinzugefügt, Bose könne eine

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Telegrama (Geh.Ch.V.)

Kabul, den 17.März 41

Ankunft "

Ir. 103 vom 17. März 41

18.30 Uhr

19.10 Uhr

Auf Telegram VON 14.Nr. 69 x)

Reise Bose Plan Reise durch Iran fallengelassen, nachdem

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Sowjetbotschaft Durchreisepass vermerkt erteilt

hat und B. wahrscheinlich von hier am 18. März

abreisen wird. B. reist unter Decknamen Orlando

Masozza mit italienischem Reisepass Nr. 647932

vom 10. März 1941 erdrafte, sobald Übertritt

afghanisch-russische Grenze hier bekannt geworden."

Pilger.

U. St. S. Pol. Nr. 176

Berlin, the 4th March 1941

I have today informed the Italian Charge de Affairs on the basis of the telegram

No. 470 from Moscow that the Soviet Government is ready to give the Indian

Bose a

transit visa for journey from Afghanistan to Germany, and have added that Bose could

afterwards establish contact with Italy from here.

Sd. Woermann

(Text of secret note of German State Secretary Woermann confirming arrangements

between the three powers Germany, Italy and Soviet Russia for Bose's journey across

Russia to Germany)

Kabul, the 17th March 41

Received here,,

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No. 103 of the 17th March 41

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(Bose's journey)

Telegram (Secret Ch. V.)

18.30 hrs.

19.10 hrs.

Reference Telegram No. 14.69x)

The plan of journey through Iran dropped after the Soviet Embassy issued transit

visa, and B. will probably leave here on the 18th March. B. is travelling under the cover name of Orlando Mazzotta with Italian passport No. 647932 dated the 10th March 1941. Shall wire as soon as the news of crossing of the Afghan-Russian border is received here..

Pilger

(Text of secret message of German Minister in Kabul, Pilger, to the German Foreign

Office conveying details of final arrangements of Bose's journey from Kabul to Berlin via Moscow)

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Subhas Bose on his arrival in Berlin, April 1941

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Top At his desk working under the cover name of Orlando Mazzotta Bottom:
With Indian comrades in Germany

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At his residence in Berlin with a German friend

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A portrait Berlin, 1941

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With foreign diplomats and A. C. N. Nambier in Berlin, 1942

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A portrait Berlin, 1942

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Top With Yamamoto and Ganpuley at his residence Bottom: Receiving a visitor,
Berlin, 1942

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In the garden of his house in Berlin
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A letter to Mrs. Naomi Vetter, an old personal friend

My dear Mrs. Vetter,

Through our common friends I have let myself be informed about you. Owing to the conditions under which I have been living here, it was not possible at first to get into touch with you. Afterwards, I heard of the terrible bereavement which overtook you. As there was a possibility of my going to Vienna, I decided not to write to you but to meet you personally when I was there. Unfortunately, when I arrived there, you were away. As I do not know if I shall be coming to Vienna in the near future, I am writing this letter. First of all, let me convey my sincerest condolence to you on your saddest bereavement. Since I had the privilege of knowing President Vetter so intimately and since I respected and admired him so much, I can appreciate the loss that you have suffered. In these hard times, may God give you strength to put up with all the trials that you are having to face.

There is much that I would like to talk to you about, if I could meet you. For that purpose a letter is not a suitable medium. Please let me know your present address, as well as your future movements so that I may look out for the possibility of meeting you personally.

Before I conclude, I should like to thank you once again from the bottom of my heart for all the kindness I have received at your hands in the past.

Assuring you of my deepest esteem,

I am, yours ever sincerely,

Subhas Chandra Bonn

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In Berlin, 1942

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Top With the first officers' corps of Indian Legion in Europe Bottom left: With
Walter Harbich, German training officer

Bottom right: Addressing his men in the field

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Front page of 'Bhai-Band', the publication of the Indian Legion in Europe

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Top: INA men at military installations on the East coast of Europe Bottom: Route march of the Indian Legion

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Top At work at his desk in Berlin, 1942 Bottom: Face to face with Adolf Hitler, May 1942

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Top With pressmen in Berlin Bottom Speaking at the inauguration of the Indo-German Friendship Society in Hamburg, 1942

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Leader of Azad Hind

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Top At the inaugural meeting of the Indo-German Friendship Society in Hamburg

Bottom: Addressing the Indian Legion at their camp

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Berlin, 26th January 1943

Bottom: The historic and last letter to his brother Sarat
written just on the eve of his departure for East Asia

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Top With Werner Musenberg, Captain of the submarine in which he travelled to
the East Bottom: With Abid Hasan on the submarine

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Pictures taken during the submarine journey, February-May 1943

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Top A bath on the deck of the submarine Bottom: Netaji and Abid Hasan getting

ready for the transfer to the Japanese submarine in
the Indian ocean

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Top: The life-jacket is on before the critical transfer Bottom: In the rubber-boat
by which he was transferred from the German to the
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ausssenminister vor Übersteigen abgesetzt

Den Fahrer und Herrn Reichskansler des
deutschen Volkes und Reiches.

Bevor ich das dentsobe Boot verlasse, achte

1ch Burer Exsellens und der deutschen Regierung

in meinem eigenen und den Fanon der indischen

Freiheitsbewegung, für die uns erwieses Fround-

lichkeit, Unterstütsang und Gastfreundschaft

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Bottom: With the crew of the Japanese
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1.) The transfer of Subhas Chandra Bose
from the German to the Japanese
submarine has taken place.

2.) Bose has sent the following message
to the German Foreign Minister
before changing over I

To the Leader of the German people
and Chancellor of the German
Government.

Before leaving the German submarine

I wish to convey my hearty thanks
to Your Excellency and the Government
of Germany on behalf of myself and
the Indian Liberation Movement for

the friendship, support and hospitality
extended to us..... tc
Signed
Subhas Chandra Bose
To Herr Von Ribbentrop, Minister of
Foreign Affairs, Government of Germany.
Before leaving the German submarine,
I am speaking.....
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Top: Arrival and reception at Sabang, Sumatra, May 1943 Bottom With the entire
crew of the Japanese submarine
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Top left: Photograph taken after arrival in Tokyo, June 1943 Top right: With high
Japanese military and diplomatic personnel at Hotel Imperial,
Tokyo Bottom: In the distinguished visitors' box of the Japanese Parliament
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A portrait, Tokyo, June 1943
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Top Front page of Nippon Times reporting Netaji's first broadcast to India

Bottom left: Arrival at Singapore airport, July 1943

Bottom right: At the first mass rally at Singapore
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WELCOME TO SA SUBHAS CHANURA BOSE

Top left: Rashbehari Bose transferring leadership to
Netaji, 4th July 1943

Top right: Netaji addresses the assembly accepting the
leadership

Bottom left: Speaking at the first open rally

The Russo-German war and the failure of the

Germans to break through to the Near East made it

impossible for Netaji to carry out his original plan of an armed assault on India from the North-West. He, therefore, decided upon a perilous journey to East Asia by submarine a voyage of ninety days unequalled in world military annals in regard to planning, execution and daring. After a transfer of submarine in the Indian ocean he arrived in Sabang, Sumatra, in May 1943 and then flew to Tokyo. After high-level negotiations with Japanese leaders he arrived in Singapore early in July and assumed the leadership of the Azad Hind Movement in East Asia and of the Azad Hind Fauj the Indian National Army,

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Top Being introduced to leading civilians Bottom left: Meeting leading INA officers Bottom right: Broadcasting to India from Singapore

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Top Arrival in Bangkok Bottom: Addressing a meeting in Bangkok

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Meeting INA officers at Bangkok

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At an official reception in Bangkok

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Top Meeting Ba Maw and Burmese leaders in Rangoon Bottom left: With Mr. and Mrs. Ba Maw and Burmese leaders

Bottom right: With the Japanese Ambassador to Burma

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Supreme Commander, Indian National Army

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Front page of a composite publicity pamphlet of the Azad Hind Movement

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Visional Government of Free India an

Head of the Indian National Army

UNDER OUR FLAG OF INDEPENDENCE

An impressive scene depicting a mass review of the Indian National Army on the Esplanade Grounds at Showin

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DESTROY THE ENEMY FOR FREE INDIA

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CONSTRUCT "INDIA FOR THE INDIANS"!

The Indian Natiul Army ready for action against Britain with captured British weapons

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Netaji addresses his army

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At the first military review at Singapore as the Supreme

Commander of the Indian National Army, Netaji said, in the course of a historic address:

"Soldiers of India's Army of Liberation! Today is the proudest day of my life. Today it has pleased Providence to give me the unique privilege and honour of announcing to the whole world that India's Army of Liberation has come into being. This Army has now been drawn up in military formation on the battlefield of Singapore which was once the bulwark of the British Empire. This Is not only the Army that will emancipate India from the British yoke, it is also the Army that will, hereafter, create the future national army of Free India....

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"Comrades! My soldiers! Let your battle-cry be 'To Delhi, To Delhi!' How many of us will individually survive this war of Freedom, I do not know. But I do know this that we shall ultimately win and our task will not end until our surviving heroes hold the victory-parade on another graveyard of the British Empire the Lal Kila or Red Fortress of ancient Delhi. "With the force of arms and at the cost of your blood you will have to win liberty. Then, when India

the permanent army of Free India,
whose task it will be to preserve
our liberty for all time.

"As soldiers, you will have to
cherish and live up to the three
ideals of faithfulness, duty and
sacrifice. Soldiers who always
remain faithful to the nation, who
perform their duty under all
circumstances and who are always
prepared to sacrifice their lives,
are invincible.

"Comrades! You have voluntarily
accepted a mission that is the
noblest that the human mind can
conceive of....So conduct
yourself that your countrymen
may bless you and posterity may
be proud of you.

"I assure you that I shall be with
you in darkness and sunshine, in
sorrow and in joy, in suffering and
in victory. For the present, I can
offer you nothing except hunger,
thirst, privation, forced marches
and death. But if you follow me
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confident you will - I shall lead you
to victory and freedom...."

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Top Netaji taking the salute at the review

Bottom: Armoured units of the INA in formation

After reorganising the INA into a well-knit fighting force, Netaji proceeded to take the next major step for prosecuting the final war of independence the setting

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up of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind. This he did at a representative assembly of Indians of the whole of East Asia in Singapore on the 21st October 1943.

Netaji declared: "With the formation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, the Indian Independence Movement has obtained all the pre-conditions of success."

After two centuries of slavery, the Indian people tasted independent statehood for the first time.

Explaining the historical significance and tasks of the Provisional Government, Netaji said: "As a student

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of history and, in particular, of revolutions in different parts of the world, during 22 years of public life, I always felt that what India was lacking in her fight for freedom were two things a National Army and a National Government to lead that Army to battle. . . . In setting up this Provisional Government we are, on the one hand, meeting the exigencies of the Indian situation and are, on the other, following in the footsteps of history. In recent times, the Irish people set up their Provisional Government in 1916. The Czechs did the same during the last World War. And, after the last World War, the Turks, under the leadership of Mustapha Kemal, set up their Provisional Government in Anatolia."

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There can be no compromise between British Imperialism
and Indian Nationalism.

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Netaji reading the Proclamation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind,
Singapore, 21st October 1943

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Invaders From India Through

Armed Offensive, Bose Declares

Special to the TRIBUNE

SYONAN, Oct. 21. The provisional government of Ani

Hind (Free India), headed by President Subbas Chandra Bose

of ny ladian Independence League, was formally establiske 1

during a rally of the East Asia delegates of the organization

which convened at the Greater East Asia theater here at 10:39

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The conference was attended

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communique from the headquarters of the
Provisional Government released today at noon.

The full text of the communique reads as follows:

"The second meeting of the Council of Ministers of
the Provisional Government of Azad Hind was held
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the official

from midnight Oct. 23 Oct.

residence of Subhas Chandra Bose.

"Advisers also attended the meeting. The political,
economic and military situation in India was again
discussed and, the following decisions were arrived at
unanimously.

IMPERIAL FORCES IN
NAMPO WILL GIVE ALL-
OUT SUPPORT TO I.N.A.

"THE IMPERIAL Forces in the South have no
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hesitation to support with all means

our young comrades, the Indian National Army." de-

clared Lieut. Col. Nakajima, Chief of the Press Section

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at 10 o'clock this morning in connection with the decla-

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the Provisional Government of Azad Hind.

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"It is a matter for congratulations as the 400,000,000 Indians in India to
that Subhas Chandra Bose challenge the British, and their allies,
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The Provisional Government of Azad Hind declared war against Government of
Azad Hind has believed that the crack Indian
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The Provisional Government of Azad Hind placed on record of its independence.
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GREAT FIGHTING POWER

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that the present Provisional Government
to the brilliant establishment of Azad Hind has been reestablished
Top Front page of Syonan Sinbun of 24th October 1943 Netaji receives a garland
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Top Netaji at his desk at Singapore Bottom: Addressing a women's meeting in
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Top The first presentation of arms by the Rani of Jhansi Regiment in sari Bottom:
Netaji reviews the Rani of Jhansi Regiment in
full uniform with the Commander, Captain Lakshmi
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Top The Ranis on the march Bottom: The Ranis at target practice

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Head of State Provisional Government of Azad Hind

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Top Netaji reviews I.N.A. troops in Singapore Bottom Netaji inspects the armoured columns of the I.N.A.

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The Japanese Premier General Tojo joined Netaji in reviewing the INA, immediately after the inaugural parade, on 6 July 1943. Addressing General Tojo, Netaji said:

"The Army that stands before Your Excellency today knows that it will have to fight for India's liberty. It is also conscious of the many difficulties that still beset the path to victory and freedom. But this Army is determined to achieve India's liberty at the cost of any sacrifice. In this task the Army has the active support of all

Indians in East Asia....

Bottom: Netaji takes the salute
as the armoured columns roll by

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HINDI KAUMI TARANA

(Indian National Anthem)

Original notations of the National Anthem 'Subh sukh chain
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Top Inspecting the fully uniformed and armed Rani of Jhansi Regiment

Bottom: In a happy mood at a sports meet

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With senior I.N.A. officers : A. C. Chatterjee,

M. Z. Kiani and Habibur Rahman

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In response to Netaji's call for Total Mobilization, three million Indians in East Asia rose as one man and gave their all for the cause. They justified by their actions what their leader said: "The Indians as a nation believe in the ideal of self-sacrifice. . . . In our history we have instances of numerous kings who chose to become Faqirs for the sake of faith, justice and truth."

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Top A donor gets a garland from Netaji Bottom: 1.N.A. men at their quarters :

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Top All have meals from the same kitchen Bottom Front pages of Azad Hind publications

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Top Netaji arrives in Tokyo, November 1943 Bottom: Addressing Indian residents of Tokyo

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The Beacon across Asia

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Top With Asian leaders at the steps of Japanese Parliament Bottom: A group photograph with Indians in Tokyo

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Top The Greater East Asia Conference in Tokyo, November 1943

Bottom left: Netaji addresses the conference

Bottom right: Relaxing at the end of a heavy day

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Top Speaking at the Hibiya Hall, Tokyo Bottom: The rostrum of the mass meeting at Hibiya Park

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Top The gathering at Hibiya Park to hear Asian leaders Bottom Snapped at his hotel in Tokyo

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Top: A group photograph at a reception by Mitsuru Toyama Bottom: The traditional Japanese reception

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Conferring with Mitsuru

Toyama and Rash Behari Bose

in Tokyo. Netaji had declared already: "The liberation of Asia cannot be complete until India is free. The Indian people must, therefore, rise and liberate themselves and thereby help the emancipation of other Asiatic nations.

Above all, India must seize the hand of friendship which Japan has offered to India and to other suppressed nations of Asia..

Bottom At a diplomatic party at the end of the Asian leaders' conference

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Top Speaking to the international press Bottom Meeting diplomatic representatives of foreign countries

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Top With Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Foreign Minister Bottom Proceeding to meet the Japanese Emperor

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Top Visiting the historic Meiji Shrine Bottom With Marshal Sugiyama, Chief of Japanese Naval Staff

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During his visit to Tokyo as the Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind in 1943, Netaji was ceremonially presented with a sword as a token of friendship and support of the Japanese nation for the cause of Indian Independence. Netaji is seen here holding the sword. After nearly quarter of a century, the sword was discovered by Japanese friends of India and presented to the Netaji Museum in Calcutta by General Iwaichi Fujiwara at a historic ceremony in 1967. It is now preserved in the Netaji Museum.

Bottom A group photograph with Japanese friends and senior I.N.A. officers in Tokyo

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Two pictures with his Japanese hosts in Tokyo

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A portrait autographed for Yamamoto, formerly Japanese military attache in Berlin and later head of Hikari Kikan
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Top: Taking the salute of Indian residents of Shanghai on the way back from Tokyo Bottom Another sword presentation ceremony

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Top Inspecting I.N.A. recruits in China Bottom Two pictures of Netaji's historic visit to Sun-Yat-Sen Mausoleum near Nanking, China

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Top Netaji alights from his plane at Port Blair, Andaman, on 29 December 1943

Bottom Azad Hind Volunteers present a guard of honour to the Head of State

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Top Proceeding to the Ross Island Bottom: At the former British Chief Commissioner's official residence in Ross Island with I.N.A. and Japanese officers

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India's National Tricolour proudly floats over the former British Chief Commissioner's quarters in Ross Island

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Top Netaji is received at the Gymkhana ground by the Japanese Commander on his arrival for a mass rally Bottom: The Azad Hindu Volunteers present guard of honour

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Top At the reception by the Japanese Commander

Bottom: The address of welcome is read at the open mass rally

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Netaji, accompanied by members of the Azad Hind Government and his staff, paid an official visit to Andaman Islands from 29 to 31 December 1943.

He stayed at the former British Chief Commissioner's official residence on Ross Island. His visit followed the Japanese Prime Minister's historic declaration at the Assembly of Greater East Asiatic Nations in Tokyo on 6 November 1943 that the Andaman and Nicobar Islands would be transferred to the Provisional Government of Azad Hind.

On 30 November Netaji addressed a mass rally of Indians at the Gymkhana ground in front of the Andaman Club and formally hoisted the national tricolour to the accompaniment of the national anthem. He visited the notorious Cellular Jail, where Indian revolutionaries used to be detained by the British, the same afternoon. He spent two hours there going round the Indian Bastille.

Describing his visit to the islands

later, Netaji said: "During this visit I and the members of my party had the unique experience of our lives when we stood on the soil of Free India for the first time. It was an unforgettable event for us to see our national tricolour flag fluttering in the air over the former British Chief Commissioner's residence on Ross Island....and we wondered all the time how the wheels of history were now moving in India's favour."

. While we were in the Andaman Island we visited the notorious Cellular Jail in Port Blair and paid homage to those patriotic countrymen of ours who suffered indescribable persecution and torture in the past and some of them even laid down their lives as victims of British tyranny and brutality.

"For Indians the return of the Andamans represents the first territory to be liberated from British yoke. By the acquisition of this territory, the Provisional Government has now become a national entity in fact as well as in name. The liberation of the Andamans has symbolic significance because the Andamans has always been used by the British as a prison for political prisoners. Most of the political prisoners sentenced to penal servitude for conspiracies to overthrow the British Government-

and there have been hundreds of them were locked up in this island. Like the Bastille in Paris,

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which was liberated first in the French Revolution, setting free political prisoners, the Andamans where our patriots suffered is the first to be liberated in India's fight for independence...."

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Netaji renamed Andamans as 'Shaheed' in memory of the martyrs and the Nicobars as 'Swaraj'

Below: Netaji is seen addressing the mass rally at Gymkhana ground after hoisting the national flag

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Netaji speaks

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After Netaji's historic visit to Andaman Islands a very important step forward was taken. The headquarters of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind was shifted to Rangoon in the first week of January 1944. Troops of the Indian National Army started moving in the direction of the Indian frontier for the coming march on Delhi. Netaji declared that the Indian war of independence which commenced in 1857, was now drawing to a close, and expressed the conviction that the attack of the Indian National Army from outside and the strengthening of the

internal agitation will together destroy British Imperialism completely and liberate India.

Top Receiving a present from the leader of the Indian community

Bottom Netaji speaks and volunteers stand to attention

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Top Watching an open-air show by local residents Bottom Inside the Cellular Jail, Port Blair

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Netaji coming out of the Cellular Jail

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Top left: Netaji and the iron bars of the Indian Bastille Top right: Gazing across the seas towards India from the Andaman coast

Bottom: A group photograph with Brahmachari Kailasan and others at the Ramakrishna Mission, Singapore

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Top: The headquarters of the Provisional Government at Singapore Bottom: At one of the numerous campaign meetings in Malaya

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With the young: Top: A young boy receives a prize from Netaji Bottom: A young girl competitor receives her trophy

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Top President Ba Maw and his cabinet receive Netaji on his arrival at Rangoon airport Bottom: Netaji introduces his colleagues to the

Burmese leader

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Top A warm welcome

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Bottom Meeting the Press in Rangoon

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Top At a mass meeting with Ba Maw Bottom: Rousing response of the populace to Netaji's call 'Liberty or Death'

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Top Visiting his old prison in Rangoon Bottom: The headquarters of the Provisional Government in Rangoon

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Top Japanese Commander in Burma, Kawabe speaking at a reception Bottom: Face to face with his men about to march to Delhi

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WHICH WE SHALL NOW RETURN. HARK! INDIA IS CALLING INDIA'S METROPOLIS
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CALLING THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT MILLIONS OF OUR
COUNTRYMEN ARE CALLING.
BLOOD IS CALLING TO BLOOD. GET UP, WE HAVE NO TIME TO LOSE. TAKE UP
YOUR ARMS. THERE
IN FRONT OF YOU, IS THE ROAD THAT OUR PIONEERS HAVE BUILT. WE SHALL
MARCH ALONG
THAT ROAD. WE SHALL CARVE OUR WAY THROUGH THE ENEMY'S RANKS OR IF
GOD WILLS,
WE SHALL DIE A MARTYR'S DEATH. AND IN OUR LAST SLEEP WE SHALL KISS THE
ROAD THAT
WILL BRING OUR ARMY TO DELHI. THE ROAD TO DELHI IS THE ROAD TO
FREEDOM. 'CHALO
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Top The Rani of Jhansi Regiment reports to Netaji in battle formation

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Bottom Netaji watching the Ranis at target practice

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A portrait 1944

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Top I.N.A. troops moving to the front Bottom Armoured columns in battle readiness

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Top Netaji inspects his advance troops

Bottom Armoured cars of the I.N.A.

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Sisters and Brothers! The Indian National Army under the command of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, which was established at Shonan on October 21, 1943, in accordance with the general will of the 3-million Indians in East Asia, has advanced deep into India after crossing the national border.

The provisional Government of Azad Hind, which is your government, aims at realizing only one mission... the establishment of a permanent National Government of Free India based upon the will of the Indian people by driving out British and American troops from the sacred soil of India. The Provisional Government of Azad Mind will fight until the British and American forces are either crushed or are driven out of India.

Simultaneously, the Government will advance toward the construction of the liberated areas...

Sisters and Brothers! Today when the enemy is being driven out of India, you have returned yourselves. In other words, you have returned to the nation of beedem!

COME AND JOIN THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF AZAD HIND WHICH IS YOUR OWN GOVERNMENT! ASSIST THE DEFENCE OF FREE INDIA WHICH YOU HAVE NEWLY

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SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

Highest Commander of the Indian National Army

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Top Netaji's appeal distributed among the people by the I.N.A. after crossing the frontier Bottom: A pictorial leaflet depicting the March on Delhi

WE STAND UP WITH

ARMS IN OUR HANDS!

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Top I.N.A. troops advancing through jungles of Northeast frontier Bottom: An I.N.A. soldier looks for the enemy

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Top left: An I.N.A. pill-box at the front Top right: A camouflaged I.N.A. soldier on the march Bottom: I.N.A. transports crossing a river on elephants

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Netaji at the front

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(THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF FREE INDIA)

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Top A secret message in Bengali in

Netaji's handwriting carried by one of his

agents sent to India in advance of the I.N.A.

It is written from the Indo-Burma frontier

and reads: "The bearer of this letter is

entering India on a special mission. I shall

be happy and grateful if my colleagues and

supporters will assist him."

Bottom: A signed appeal from Netaji to

troops of the British Indian Army to cross

over and join the I.N.A. together with

instructions as to how they should

approach the Indo-Japanese forces

opposing them. The appeal is in Hindustani

in Roman script.

In 1943 Netaji sent to India a number of

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Commender-in Chief Indian National Army.

preparation of the advance of the I.N.A.

A number of such heroic youngmen were

apprehended by the British, subjected to

inhuman torture and some of them executed

after secret summary trials. Their exploits
and martyrdom constitute an unforgettable
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Top The leader of an advancing I.N.A. company addresses catpured British
Indian troops and displaying a picture of Netaji. Bottom: A tank
column of the I.N.A.

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An I.N.A. armoured unit together with the infantry going
into an attack

Inset: Netaji inspecting an anti-aircraft battery

The I.N.A. forges ahead with the slogan of 'On to Delhi'
on their lips

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Top Netaji studies an operational map at the front Bottom: An I.N.A. group lights camp-fire for the night

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The first soldier in India's last war of independence

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Top Netaji reading the proclamation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind on Indian soil.

Bottom: Netaji announcing the crossing of the Indian frontier by the I.N.A. at a Press conference

Addressing his countrymen in India, Netaji said:

"The Provisional Government of Free India, your own government, has only one mission to fulfil. The mission is to expel the Anglo-American armies from the sacred soil of India by armed force and then bring about the establishment of a permanent national government of Azad Hind, in accordance with the will of the people....

While prosecuting the armed struggle the Provisional Government of Free India will push on with the work of reconstruction of the liberated areas....It calls upon the Indian people in the liberated areas to render all assistance and co-operation to the Indian National Army and to the civilian

officials appointed by the Provisional Government."

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Pictures of the I.N.A. in action

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Top The I.N.A. soldier fixes his target Bottom: An I.N.A. column moving in the night

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Top Indo-Japanese forces rejoice on capturing a strategic position

Bottom: The I.N.A. continues to advance

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A war cartoon by a Japanese artist

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Villagers on the Indian side of the border greet and entertain Indo-Japanese forces

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Top left: A letter written by Netaji on the eve of crossing the frontier

Top right: The national tricolour is hoisted on a captured position as the air force goes into attack

Bottom: Netaji with Japanese General Kawabe
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Top Netaji visiting a field hospital

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Bottom: With Japanese General Kimura

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Dimpore Road and Kohima Hill

scenes of fierce battles in the last war of Indian independence

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A portrait autographed in June 1544

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スパス・チャンドラ・ボース氏

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Top left: Decorating Col. Misra of the I.N.A. for gallantry Top right: During an address to his army

Premier Koiso in Tokyo, November 1944

Bottom Meeting the new Japanese

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Netaji at official receptions in Tokyo in November 1944

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During his visit to Tokyo in November 1944, Netaji held consultations with the new Japanese

Premier and the Japanese

Government in the light of the

adverse turn in the war situation.

He also took this opportunity of addressing the Imperial Tokyo University on "The Fundamental Problems of India". In the course of this important address, he said: "Modern India is composed of this ancient background, the unbroken national struggle against Britain, and the impact of influences from abroad....We want to build up a new and modern nation on the basis of our old culture and civilization. For that we need modern industries, a modern army and all those things necessary to preserve our existence and our freedom under modern conditions. important problem will be the organising of our national defence in order to safeguard our freedom in the future. After satisfying the needs of our nation in the matter of self-defence, the next problem in the degree of importance will be to solve the problem of poverty and unemployment, for instance, it will probably take centuries. Therefore, public opinion in India is in favour of some sort of a socialist system. ... But in solving this problem, we want to work in our own way. We will, naturally, study experiments made in other countries but after all, we have to solve our problems in an Indian way and under Indian conditions.... If we are to have an economic structure of a socialistic character, then it follows that the political

system must be such as to be able to carry out the economic

The moment India is free, the most that of poverty and unemployment..

So our second most important problem will be how to give employment to the millions of unemployed in India and how to relieve the appalling poverty which now exists among the masses of the Indian people....The third problem in Free India will be the problem of education....Our problem will be to give at least an elementary education to the Indian masses as soon as possible, and along with that to give more facilities to the intellectual classes in the matter of higher education...

If we leave it to private initiative programme in the best possible way....What we in India would like to have is a progressive system which will fulfil the social needs of the whole people and will be based on national sentiment...

In other words, it will be a synthesis of Nationalism and Socialism."

Netaji exchanging greetings with Japanese leaders

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Top left: At an open-air reception with young I.N.A. cadets

Top right: Addressing the Tokyo University

Bottom: Group photograph in Tokyo with I.N.A. cadets, I.N.A. officers and Japanese friends

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Top: A young cadet speaks, Netaji listens Bottom Cadets demonstrating physical feats to Netaji

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Top Young I.N.A. cadets garland their leader Bottom With Ba Maw in Rangoon, 1945

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On 8 July 1945 Netaji laid the foundation of an I.N.A. Memorial on the water-front in Singapore. The memorial was completed in record time. But it was blown up by British Armed Forces after their reoccupation of the island.

In paying homage to the martyrs of the I.N.A. Netaji said:

"THE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF INDIANS WHO WILL BE BORN, NOT AS SLAVES BUT AS FREE MEN, BECAUSE OF YOUR COLOSSAL SACRIFICE, WILL BLESS YOUR NAMES AND PROUDLY PROCLAIM TO THE WORLD THAT YOU, THEIR FORBEARS, FOUGHT AND SUFFERED REVERSES IN THE BATTLE OF MANIPUR, ASSAM AND BURMA, BUT THROUGH TEMPORARY FAILURE YOU PAVED THE WAY TO ULTIMATE SUCCESS AND

GLORY."

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SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Netaji's last Order of the Day

by

THE SUPREME COMMANDER,

AZAD HIND PAUJ.

TO OFFICERS & OF THE AZAD HIND PAUJ,

COMRADES,

All sorts of wild rumours are now afloat in Syonan and other places, one of them being that hostilities have ceased. Most of these rumours are either false or highly exaggerated. Till this moment, fighting is going on on all fronts, and I say this, not only on the basis of reports from friendly sources, but also of reports given out by the enemy radio. If there is any change in the war situation, I shall be the first to inform you. Therefore, I want all of you to remain perfectly calm and unperturbed and carry on your duties in a normal way. Above all, do not allow yourselves to be influenced in any manner by wild baseless rumours. to face any situation that may arise, like brave soldiers fighting for the freedom of their Motherland.

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Subhas Chandra Bose

SUPREME COMMANDER,

AZAD HIND PAUJ.

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Important dates in Netaji's life in his own hand, page 1

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Last available autographed picture, Bangkok 17, August 1945

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Last available photograph: Arrival at Saigon on

17 August 1945

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Top Indian leaders proceeding to the I.N.A. trial in Red Fort Bottom: Defence counsels in the court room

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Top: The Court Martial trying the I.N.A. at Red Fort

Bottom: The masses rise in support of the I.N.A.

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British Police charge demonstrators demanding release of the I.N.A. officers
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Nehru and Patel visit I.N.A. relief camps

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Top Mahatma Gandhi visits Netaji's bedroom at Netaji Bhawan accompanied by Sarat Bose, 1946

meeting of the I.N.A. Relief Committee

Bottom Sarat Bose and Nehru after a

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Top: Nehru visits the Netaji Museum in Calcutta, 1961 Bottom: Sarat Chandra and Bivabati with Netaji's wife and daughter in Vienna, 1948

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Views of the historic Netaji Bhawan and some of the invaluable relics preserved there

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Netaji's rooms, the I.N.A. Memorial and some more relics including Netaji's sword

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A page from Netaji's "My Personal Testament"

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43 to "photograph" the Absolute though our 2nd

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the Absolute Reality than any

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of our human limitations we cannot help

photograph" the Absolute - partly because of our
irrepressible philosophical instinct and part, because

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Top LEFT: in a family group as a
High School Student

Top Right: Relaxing With Friends

Bottom: as a cadet of
India

Defence Force, 1917: Standing
Second from right

Letter to Mother 1912-13

Again

Send a book

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This letter is not.

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Sri Sridurga,

Support

From

Saintly

Cotton

Sunday

Parapapapaniya

Mother,

Serving Kamtu-

India is the place of great adoration of God-

Lord for folk education on this continent,

Puppet

Rid of Dharani and every India -

Beep

Has gone God

In the form

Padma has accepted but so on

In many countries

He is none of

Was not born in the country - so Lee
Our homeland is Bharatmata and Songs
Large country.
There is like the chao
Heavy rain, again
Tomorrow, everything is there.
Look, mother, which is in India
Fierce summer, great winter,
Muddy
I see in the Deccan -
Transparent. Poona toa Godavari is two mistakes
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A Portrait, 1938

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A Photography Reconstruction of the Situation Just Prior
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Inset: The Route of Exit from Calcutta
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Seat

On the same day, when the last age was forty -two years, it was the work of forty -four. To perform your work, which has been done. German teachers
Is All the Legislators have gathered in front of the Bay Sardar, who has not been able to do a strong love and love for the sake of the heart and the sake of the sons.

Who's the collection of

And prays.

He has established his lane in Fur Jagberg

Shamar: What was Ali? At the beginning these people

The one who said was a little. Syed story

Of the war of freedom

The teaching was ready for the sake.

For the war of freedom of frosty friends

The lyrics of the lyrics are ready to be ready?

The squad was small. But the seat anti

For the sake of itself, a homeland was made by a batter. They all of the been

Jind Niaha Sabhas and Huran and Lemon's fearless sir

There is a breakdown of the difficulties that are dropped

Come in a coma, they have changed the idea

Place was faith at the work of Sko Lane

By getting the love and trust of the members

Legion is made in a squad that fights.

Wait to fight and fight. First and second

Ta'alini worked as expected of the above officers

What is fulfilled High commands very appreciated

Has Nejan's intention is right now.

Don't blame. But also by trying and

Also learn new to new sympathies and from high

Get high news. England

To take part in the destruction of its bright purpose

Were Mashih himself know that Mahmudi

Freedom of victory of Sandstani

Will start. And Legion freedom

It is ready for all kinds of sacrifices. Pijan's top of success flows

I have a very deep friendship with Akin Russia, but also on the spot under the guidance of Late Lattent Very doing too much.

From the young men who were cleansed by their way, they completed their

great work by trying good. And by believing Legion Dastardi and Power
Column

The number has increased. Companies stand up to Christ. And swears. That
loyalty love in the future

The morning

Integrating education was very well prepared.

Adhil Hashgar Zind Bad Nita Ji Zindabad

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A portrait 1944

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